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REPATRIATION - POLICY - POLES.

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FOR GERMANY  
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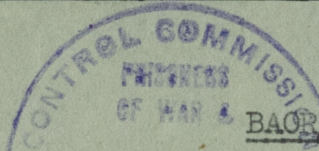
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32/G  
SUBJECT: Polish Repatriation

5 PW & DP Division,  
Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
BUNDE.



28 DEC 1945

100A  
27 Dec 45.

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Ref your PWDP/16032/G/Exec.1. of 24 Dec 45.

1. We have informed the Polish Repatriation Mission that  
BEDNARCZYK cannot be found at BAD SACHSA. They are making  
further enquiries.

2. The map reference of HAMPENHAUSEN is SHEET L52 (1/250000)  
C 0141.

Ext: 2338

Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN, B.A.O.R.

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Kpeller to 1 Corp  
See 102A  
M. J. J. J. J. J.  
Colonel,  
CLO,  
Allied Liaison.



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Ref: PWDP/16032/  
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HQ PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
BUNDE  
B.A.O.R.

29 Dec 45.

Allied Liaison  
(for attention of Maj. PETERS),  
H.Q. B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: POLISH Refugees.

1. Attached please find copy of  
30 Corps District memorandum 207/MG  
dated 22 Dec 45.
2. It is requested that your comments  
be forwarded to this Division.

*Ths*  
J.M. JEFFREY, Flt/Off,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

JMJ/JPP



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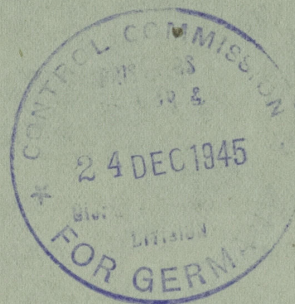
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Tele. Extn. 720.

SUBJECT:- POLISH Refugees.

HQ 30 Corps District,  
207/MG,  
22 Dec 45.

FW & DP Div,  
Main HQ,  
Control Commission for GERMANY (BE),  
BUNDE,  
B.A.O.R.



See 5A  
2nd jacket

1. The att report on two POLISH boys who have reached this ZONE from POLAND, is fwd for infm.
2. As it would appear that they have evaded mil service in their own country, may it be stated whether they may be forcibly repatriated.

Peters/Ci: Nurse spoke  
- N.F.A. - *try it!*  
PRAF/CRJ

APO/R/UR/SDS/H

*R.A. Mills*  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff,  
30 Corps District.

Copy to:- 819 (R) Mil Gov Det.

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*Thur*



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Subject:- Information - DP Travel

44/128/UNR

18 Dec 45.

To: 819 (R) Mil Gov Det

From: UNRRA Team 128

The following is submitted as a matter of interest and information.

Two Polish boys, age about 16, registered at this camp yesterday. After questioning the following story was given the undersigned.

On or about 6th Dec. 45 they left the village of Bydgoz, Poland. The reason they left was because the Polish military, under the jurisdiction of the Russian military, desired to place them in some form of military unit. Rather than be placed in this unit they made their way to the Russian frontier and crossed to the English Zone with a group of Germans. They claim that they were neither stopped nor questioned along the line of travel. They claim to have sold some of their bread, which they had carried with them, in Berlin for German marks with which they travelled by train to Hannover. Hannover would not accept them because they stated they were filled up and recommended that they travel on to Osnabruck where they reported to this camp.

Further questioning disclosed that seemingly, all Poles who have been repatriated are now attempting to make their way back to the British Zone. To use their own words "everybody is trying to get out of Poland."

It is thought that perhap British Intelligence might like to interview these boys. If so, they can be made available at any time.

OSM/md

Signed -----

Obie S. Mueeting, Director  
UNRRA Team 128



16032/G 97A/2

Control Commission for Germany (British Element)

Incoming Unclassified Message

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GSQ I

GSQ II (a)

GSQ II (b)

GSQ III (a)

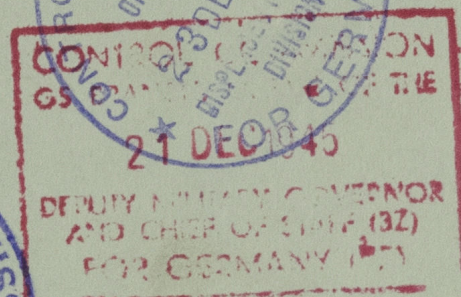
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GSQ 2(R)

FROM: EXFOR

TO: BROADNESS FIVE

INFO: CONCOMB



IY 29375  
DTO 201700A  
TOR 210115A

SD 2891.

94A  
REF OUR SD 2838 OF 17 DEC. UNIT REQUIRED UNTIL 31 JAN 46 AND NOT  
REPEAT NOT 31 JUN 46 AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.

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M & M.C.

FW DP Div

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≠ This is IY 28554.

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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming UNCLASSIFIED Message

FROM: EXFOR

TO: BROADNESS FIVE

INFO: CONGOMB



IY 28554  
DTO 171225A  
TOR 172035A

SD 2838

YOUR 641 OF 1 NOV.

TEAM NOW REQUIRED TO SCREEN EX-WEHRMACHT POLES PRIOR TO THEIR  
REPATRIATION TO POLAND UNDER IMMINENT SCHEME OF REPATRIATION OF  
POLISH DISARMED PERSONNEL.

REQUEST THIS UNIT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN UNDER COMD EXFOR UNTIL

31 JUN 46.

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HQ PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
BUNDE  
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9/6A

24 Dec 45.

Allied Liaison,  
(attn. Polish Repatriation Mission),  
HQ BAOR.

SUBJECT: Polish Repatriation

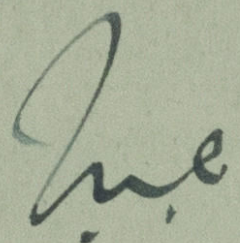
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Ref your BAOR/17497/1/AL of  
22 Nov 45.

1. HQ 30 Corps District reports that  
there is no trace of EDWARD BEDNARCZYK at  
BAD SACHSA.

2. It would be appreciated if the map  
reference of HAMPENHAUSEN could be given  
(ref PWDP/16032/G/Exec.1 dated 12 Dec 45)  
so that the necessary enquiries can be  
made.

JNC/JPP

  
J.N. CLITHEROE, Major,  
for Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.



95A  
Tele Extn 743

SUBJECT.- POLISH Repatriation.

HQ 30 Corps District.  
248/DP.  
18 Dec 45.

PW & DP Div.  
Main HQ.  
Control Commission for GERMANY(BE).  
BUNDE, BAOR.

89A  
Ref your PWDP/16032/G/Exec 1, dated 30 Nov 45.

2. There is no trace of BEDNARCZYK at BAD SACHSA.

Seen fine  
RB/WE

APC/R/UR/SDS/H



*[Signature]* Lt-Gen.  
Commanding 30 Corps.

Await replies from  
1 Corps & 8 Corps



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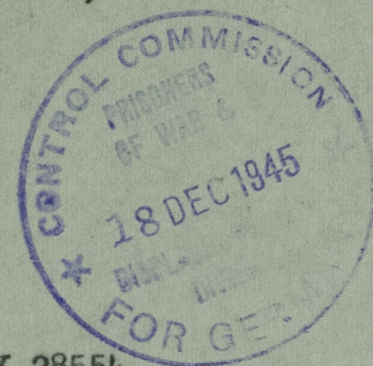
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Extn: 2760.

Ref: FWDP/16032/G/  
Exec.1.

HQ PW & DP Division.

Main HQ

Control Commission for Germany (BE)

BUNDE.

BAOR.

12 Dec. 45.

To: Allied Liaison  
(Attn POLISH REPATRIATION Mission)

SUBJECT:- Polish Government's Requests for  
Priority - Repatriation.

Reference your BAOR/17497/1/AL of 22 Nov 45  
and attached nominal roll of Poles.

1. The address of HAMPENHAUSEN (ref para 6 of nominal roll) is not known.
2. May a map reference be given please.

JNC/MEW

*mc*  
J.N. Clitheroe Maj.  
for Brigadier.  
Chief, PW & DP Division.



SUBJECT:- Polish Repatriation

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HQ, PWDP Division,  
Main HQ, Control Commission for GERMANY(BE)  
BUNDE

8 Dec, 45

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Ref PWDP/16032/G/Exec 1 of 30 Nov, 45.

1. The address of HAMPENHAUSEN is not known here.
2. May a map reference be given please.

Ext 308  
Mil Gov (DPs)  
ISERLOHN  
HDI/GC  
~~REG/UR/DRLS/HAND~~

*Admiral*  
for Brigadier

DD Mil Gov, 1 Corps District

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*dealing*





16032/G

MEMO

90A

SUBJECT: Polish Newspaper published by PR/ISC

1. Brigadier KENCHINGTON stated at his morning conference that this newspaper should be used to propagate the scheme of repatriating Poles.
2. Please forward by 2 Dec to this Section in order of priority the themes you wish included in such propaganda.

*H. R. Jacobs*

H. R. JACOBS, Major,  
Exec. 3.

PWDP/54400/4/Exec 3

30 Nov 45

To: Policy (DP)  
✓ Exec 1  
Exec 2

Copy to UNRRA

HRJ/JM.

*95*  
✓ SO 11 to see  
See file  
Exec 2. have forwarded  
their requirements.



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Ref:- PWP/16052/0/Imp.1.

Hq PW & IP Division

Main Bq

Control Commission for Germany (B.G.)

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20 Nov. 45.

TO:- Hq 1 Corps District (Mil Gov)  
Hq 6 Corps District (Mil Gov Admin)  
Hq 30 Corps District (PW/IP)

SUBJECT:- POLISH Repatriation

1. Enclosed is a nominal roll of 14 persons for whom the POLISH Provisional Government request priority in repatriation.
2. It is emphasised that inclusion of a man's name on this list does not necessarily mean that he himself has elected to be repatriated.
3. My enquiries be made to ascertain if any of the persons mentioned wish to return to POLAND.

JHC/IM

*W. H. Clithorne*  
J.H. Clithorne, Major  
for Brigadier  
Chief, PW & IP Division.



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SUBJECT :-

Polish Repatriation

BAOR/17497/1/AL

PW & DP Division,  
Control Commission for Germany (EE),  
BUNDE  
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22 NOV 45

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Further to our BAOR/17497/1/AL dated 21 NOV 45 we enclose a further nominal roll of 14 persons for whom the Polish Provisional Government requests priority in evacuation. The Polish Repatriation Mission has no further names outstanding.

It is emphasized that inclusion of a man's name on this list does NOT necessarily mean that he himself has elected to return to Poland.

*Requires elucidation  
of fact etc.*

*M. H. Tignor  
Capt.*

Ext 2161  
HQ BAOR  
LJ.

for Colonel  
CLO  
Allied Liaison





Polish Repatriation Mission  
British Zone  
L.dz.20/45-P.

Bad.-O., 22. Nov. 1945

Nominal roll of Poles required by Polish Government

Surname N. and name	Occupation	required by	Latest address in British Zone
1. Cydzik Jacek	ingineer	Reconstruction office of Polish Capital	Assemble of X. Bat. at Lubeck Nr. 4a Alwelslohe Kom. 3Pl.
2. Malisz Boleslaw	architect	Repatriation office	Offic. Camps in Däl- menhorst by Bremen
3. Lurczynski Mieczyslaw	-	Ministry of Re- construction	Camp at Hannover
4. Bylica Jerzy	Notary	Ministry of Justice c	Camp at Brausch- weig
5. Bednarczyk Edward	<i>The true</i>	Repatriation office	Bar Sachsa in Harz Gebirge
6. Medynski Jan Stanislaw	✓ Engineer	Ministry of Communication	Hampenhause, district Warburg in Westfalen
7. Wejchert Lucjan	architect	Ministry of Reconstruction	Lubeck 8 Corps
8. Wejchert Kazim.	"	"	" 8 Corps
9. cap. Golinski Jan	"	Reconstruction office of Polish capital	Rumpeln-Rechorst by Lubeck 8 Corps
10. 2/lt. Balabaszewski Henryk	"	"	" 8 Corps
11. Zow-awski Jan	"	"	Stalag N.X A by Lubeck 8 Corps
12. Filipkowski Stanislaw	"	Repatriation office	Lubeck 8 Corps
13. Dekert Wacława	- / -	" "	Ahrbergen by Hildesheim distr. Hannover
14. Wieczorek Broni- slawa	✓ - / <i>no trace</i>	" "	Solingen Polish Camp "Warsow"



Chief  
of the Polish Repatriation Mission

*Jan Tataj*  
/maj. Tataj Jan/



Where is UNRRA G.H.Q.



16032/G 87A

MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming SECRET CIPHER Message

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IMPORTANT

FROM: BROADNESS FIVE (A)  
TO: BRITISH ARMY STAFF FRANCE  
INFO: EXFOR G(SD), B M M FRANCE  
BRITMILAT PARIS  
CONCOMB



IY 20680  
DTO 141215 Z  
TOR 151305

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OUR 586\* OF 1ST SEPTEMBER.

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REQUEST INFORMATION NUMBER OF POLISH TROOPS AS DEFINED OUR 589 OF 6TH SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERING RETURN POLAND AND ACTION TAKEN TO SEGREGATE. ALLEGATIONS MADE BY POLISH AMBASSADOR PARIS THAT PLEBISCITE HELD UNDER BRITISH AUSPICES AS RESULT OF WHICH 2750 POLES ELECTED REPATRIATION POLAND. MOVE OF FIRST THOUSAND REPORTED TO HAVE STARTED 25TH OCTOBER.

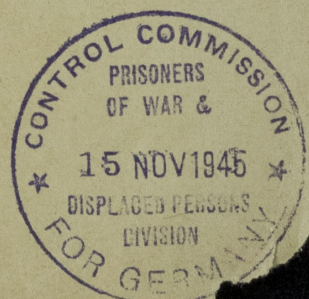
REQUEST YOU CONFIRM URGENTLY WHETHER (A) PLEBISCITE IN FACT HELD OR IF FULL EXPLANATION THAT OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER REMAINED OPEN WAS GIVEN (B) 2750 POLES ELECTING REPATRIATION WERE POLISH TROOPS AS DEFINED OUR 589 OF 6TH SEPTEMBER OR DISPLACED PERSONS

DTO 141215 Z

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Political Div (3)  
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HQ PWDP Division

Main HQ

Control Commission for Germany (BE)

Bünde

B.A.O.R.

3 Nov 45

British Military Mission,  
Dagmarhus,  
COPENHAGEN.

SUBJECT: Self-repatriation of POLISH DP/PWX from DENMARK

Ref your CA/DEN/15/26 of 16 Oct 45 and conversation  
GRAY/CLITHEROE of 26 Oct 45.

It is considered that the Polish Repatriation Mission  
in COPENHAGEN should deal with the problems of attempted self-  
repatriation of POLISH DPs via BORNHOLM and if necessary  
request the RUSSIAN authorities to take action.

*Received*  
*for* Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division

JNC/JPP



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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of POLES.

HQ 30 Corps District.

31 248/DP.  
Oct 45.

PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ.,  
Control Commission for GERMANY(BE),  
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

1. Colonel BANACH, head of the Polish Military Mission, Rhine Army, visited the PWX in HANNOVER a short time ago. He produced the following disquieting story, which was also substantiated from other sources. 2 Polish Officers representing the WARSAW Govt had come to Rhine Army HQ and stated that anyone responsible for returning POLES to POLAND would be hanged on their own return to POLAND; that there were four million people on the move in POLAND without food or shelter and that the WARSAW Govt were not yet ready to receive POLES from the West.

2. This is not the first time that Polish Liaison officers working for the British Army have been attacked by the WARSAW Govt, but it is the first time that a delegation - which must at least be semi-official - visiting the British Zone has been reported as stating so strongly what many Polish L.Os. fear.

3. Could the posn please be clarified.

Phoned Barley  
re. above and  
decided No further  
action to be taken.

DJD/TH

✓ APO/R/UR/SDS/H

24 Nov.



*[Signature]*  
Lt. Gen.  
Comd 30 Corps.

/// PASS THIS ///  
FOLIO TO EXEC



*Reading* *Polish Repatriation*  
Tel: Ext 2754

Ref: PWDP/58062/Pol

PW & DP Division, Main HQ,  
Control Commission for  
Germany (B.E.),  
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

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20 Oct 45.

To: PR & ISC Group,  
Control Commission for  
Germany (B.E.),  
Tax House,  
LUBBECKE, B.A.O.R.

SUBJECT: Press Release

1. The attached Press Release produced by this Division has been approved by Brig Britten, who requests that it be cleared with the following before submission to the D.M.G. :-

Political Division  
Col Ross (Allied Liaison)  
G(Ops BAOR)

2. Will you please inform this Division of final clearance so that a printed notice for publication in DP Camps can be arranged.

*A.G. Kenchington*  
A.G. KENCHINGTON,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Div.

✓ Copy to: Exec 1

CCKR/MMM



PRESS RELEASE

Polish Repatriation

The repatriation of Polish Displaced Persons which was begun on 13 October has now returned no less than                      thousand Poles to STETTIN in their homeland.

Unfortunately, the coming of winter will close the present over-land route in the next few weeks and keep it impassable until spring. It is possible that a few more thousands will be returned by other methods, but about                      thousands must spend this winter in Germany.

This will come as a great disappointment to large numbers of Poles who have already forcibly spent long years away from their homes and who must of necessity wait longer for relief of their anxieties as to the welfare of relations and friends in Poland. But the movement which has already taken place has at least relieved the fears of those who after so many months waiting without any signs of repatriation, had begun to think that they might never return to their homeland.

It is also likely that the return of thousands of Poles to Poland during the bitter central European winter, would greatly strain the resources of the newly formed administration, perhaps resulting in hardship and privation to those newly arrived. Whereas, though it is difficult for them to appreciate it, those who remain in Germany will be provided with the essentials of food, clothing and shelter while they remain in the care of the British Military Authorities and UNRRA, and in addition to these essentials, every effort is being made by a sympathetic administration to provide facilities and constructive encouragement to activities which will help to speed the winter.

Much depends upon the Poles who remain, and it is certain that their own efforts are essential to assist the Military Authorities in their aim to return a mentally and physically healthy people to Poland when spring comes to Europe.

19 Oct 45

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TIME OF RELEASE:  
1800A 27 Oct 45.

Statement by Dr. Henryk STRASBURGER,

Polish Ambassador in London.

Dr. Henryk Strasburger, Polish Ambassador in London, in an interview with the Editor of "Wiadomości" (The Polish News) made the following statement:

To return to ones native country is the foremost natural desire of any man or woman, and of Polish people in particular.

We wish to do everything possible in order to facilitate the return of our people to Poland. We would welcome, on the one hand, fresh forces with new ideas and determination to rebuild our ravaged country. We at the same time understand the anxiety and longing of those people who for so many difficult years of war have been cut off from their native land and their families.

We know that the British authorities share the same opinion and desire and that they wish to co-operate in helping our people to return to Poland.

In the first instance they wish to help to repatriate those Poles who are at present on German territory occupied by our Allied armies. These Poles have suffered considerably more than those who took refuge in other countries and were therefore not subjected to persecution at the hands of the Germans.

Let those of our people on German territory be assured of full understanding and sincere desire to help from the British side and on complete co-operation of the Polish authorities.

These people should help the British authorities in the task of repatriation by complying with the necessary regulations to facilitate an orderly evacuation.

Repatriation is in full motion but for technical reasons and with the oncoming winter months, we cannot give our assurance that all those desiring to return will be repatriated in the near future.

We estimate that of the 300,000 Poles on German territory who have expressed the desire for immediate return to Poland, not more than 100,000 can be evacuated before the winter sets in. The complete evacuation of the whole 300,000 will probably take about six months.

Poland is in particular need of citizens, strong both physically and morally, with determined and disciplined minds.

I therefore appeal to all my countrymen desiring to return to their native land to exercise patience and in the meantime use their time in fortifying their physical and moral strength.

I have the assurance of the British authorities that Poles on German territory will continue to receive food to the amount of 2,100 calories, that is 600 calories more than allowed to the Germans.

The British authorities have also expressed their readiness to give assistance and protection to those Poles to which the Polish Government and people of Poland will add their wholehearted support.



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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming SECRET CIPHER Message

IMPORTANT

FROM: FORCEDLY STATT

TO: EXFOR



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DTO 251400Z  
TOR 260800A.

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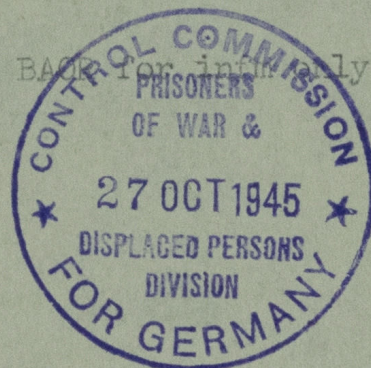
ENSURE THAT POLISH FORCES SEGREGATED FOR RETURN TO POLAND ARE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPERATELY IN YOUR MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURNS AND NOT INCLUDED IN STRENGTH OF PARENT UNIT FROM WHICH SEGREGATED. SEPERATE MONTHLY RETURN REQUIRED RETROSPECTIVELY AND IN FUTURE SHOWING SUCH NUMBERS IN SEGREGATION CAMPS ON A MAN NIGHT BASIS.

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DTO 251400Z

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M & M.C.

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Extn: 2757.

HQ PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
BUNDE  
B.A.O.R.

Ref: PWDP/35825/Exec 2.

22 Oct 45.

HQ British Tps BERLIN Mil Gov.

SUBJECT: Polish DPs in BERLIN.

Reference your MGBA/8544/DP dated 20 Sep 45.

1. The policy for dealing with Polish nationals who arrive in the British Sector of BERLIN was outlined in this HQ letter 21 A Gp/35825/MG8(b) dated 7 Aug 45.
2. Polish nationals will only be allowed to enter your DP Centre and be evacuated to the British Zone when it is dangerous for them to be left in the Russian Zone or to return to POLAND.
3. The fact that they merely do not wish to return to POLAND is not a sufficient reason for allowing them to enter your centre and be evacuated to the British Zone.
4. If for instance this was allowed, it is obvious that eventually all Poles now in the Russian Zone who do not wish to return to POLAND would be evacuated through your centre to the British Zone. This is a commitment which we could not possibly accept and it would also be quite wrong to allow the Russians to evade their responsibilities towards the Poles in this manner.
4. Delay in answering is regretted.

*[Signature]*  
Brigadier.  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

/MHL.

Copy to: Policy Sec.  
X.1.



Ext 2760

Re PWDP/16032/G/Exec.1.

HQ PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
BUNDE  
B.A.O.R.

26 Oct 45

Mil Gov HQ 30 Corps

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Subject:- Repatriation of POLES

1. It has been reported by the Senior POLISH L.O. for Displaced Persons that several POLES are arriving in LUXEMBURG expecting to get transport direct to POLAND.
2. It is pointed out that only POLES who go with the official repatriation parties will be accepted and allowed to proceed to POLAND.
3. May this please be brought to the notice of all POLES requiring repatriation.

*Ric*

JHC/BMM

Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.



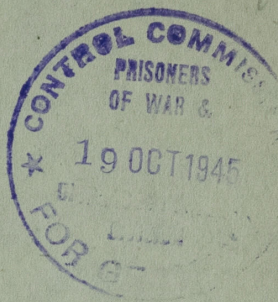
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MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message



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IMPORTANT

FROM: BERCOMB

TO: CONCOMB

BGCC 1586 PWDF/59808/8.

SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION OF POLISH DP'S AND HAS NO REFERENCE TO ARMED FORCES.

1. POLISH REPRESENTATIVES CALLED ON CHIEF OF STAFF THIS MORNING AND REPEATED PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR NEW LIAISON OFFICERS IN THE ZONE AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF POLISH NEWSPAPERS TO CAMPS.
2. CHIEF OF STAFF AGREED TO ADMIT POLISH LIAISON OFFICERS TO HELP IN REPATRIATION SUBJECT TO YOUR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE. POLES NOW STATE NUMBERS WOULD NOT EXCEED 25 ALL RANKS AND SUGGEST YOU MAY PREFER TO DISTRIBUTE TO CORPS DISTRICTS OR AS CONVENIENT TO YOU.
3. NEWSPAPERS. CHIEF OF STAFF AGREED THAT THESE SHOULD BE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING :-
  - (A) FACTUAL NOT POLITICAL.
  - (B) SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY BY YOU BEFORE DISTRIBUTION.
  - (C) DISTRIBUTED BY YOU NOT BY POLES.
  - (D) ONLY SO MANY PAPERS AS COULD BE CONVENIENTLY SCRUTINISED BY YOU WOULD BE ALLOWED.
4. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON SECOND AND THIRD ABOVE.
5. REQUEST YOU INDICATE WHEN CHIEF POLISH LIAISON OFFICER MIGHT COME TO YOU TO ARRANGE DETAILS.

DTO 171520B

DISTRIBUTION

P.W. & D.P. Div. (3) (For Action)  
M & MC.

*Copy given to  
Maj Gray*



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BRITISH MILITARY MISSION  
DAGMARHUS  
COPENHAGEN.

CA/DEN/15/26.

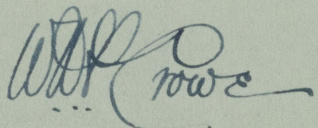
16 October 1945.

SUBJECT :- Self-repatriation of Polish DP/PWX from DENMARK.

TO :- Control Commission for Germany (BE),  
DP/PWX Division,  
British Army of the Rhine,  
B.A.O.R.



1. It has been reported to this Mission from a reliable source, that a number of Poles have recently crossed to BORNHOLM from COPENHAGEN either by normal ferry service or by small boats, and have subsequently succeeded in getting themselves returned to POLAND by the Russian forces.
2. It has not been possible to obtain accurate figures, as to date no check has been kept on the ferry service by the Danish Police. It is believed, however, that at least 70 have crossed to BORNHOLM and it is known that at least one man has confirmed his arrival in POLAND by telegram to friends in DENMARK.
3. Since the administration of Allied DP Camps is in the hands of the Danish Red Cross, the prevention of such illegal movement presents considerable problems. The nature and situation of DP Camps precludes any possibility of preventing the movement of DP's outside their camps, and it appears that prevention of embarkation for BORNHOLM will be the only possible solution to the problem.
4. The following steps have been taken to date :-
  - (i) The Danish Police have been requested to institute a control of all passengers embarking for BORNHOLM, and to arrest and return to camps any Poles or other Allied DP/PWX found attempting to embark.
  - (ii) The Senior Polish Liaison Officer for DENMARK has circularised all Polish camp leaders, re-emphasising that such self-repatriation is contrary to Rhine Army instructions, and also contrary to instructions recently issued over the WARSAW Radio.
  - (iii) A detailed report containing names and specific instances of self-repatriation has been called for from the Danish Red Cross.
5. It is considered that action taken in (i) and (ii) above will do much to limit such self-repatriation, but it is not considered possible to prevent determined individuals from reaching BORNHOLM by small boat. It would therefore appear that a request to the Russian authorities to arrest and return to DENMARK all Polish nationals reaching BORNHOLM presents the only completely effective solution, and your direction on this point is requested.

  
W.H.F. CROWE  
Brigadier.  
Head, British Military Mission,  
DENMARK.

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MEMO

75A

Subject:- POLISH Repatriation Mission

1. Information has been received from British Military Mission (DENMARK), that a POLISH Repatriation Mission has arrived in STOCKHOLM from WARSAW.
2. This Mission intends to make arrangements for repatriation of POLISH nationals and requests that this fact be brought to the notice of all POLISH Camps.
3. You may wish to inform BERLIN before further action is taken.

*Mc*

Ref: WDP/16032/G/Exec.1.  
11 Oct 45

Lieut. Colonel,  
Exec. Branch

Policy Section.  
Copy to Deputy Chief.  
J.C./AM

VERBAL message 16 Oct. passed to  
Maj. Gray B.M.M. Denmark saying that  
Poles could come from Sweden.



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URGENT

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation - Poles.

8C/519/34A/MG.

5 Oct 45 .

Tel 529 .

To:- HQ PW & DP Div  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN  
BAOR.

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For the attention of Lt Col LONGE.

Herewith copy of repatriation list as promised by  
Lt Col GORMAN.

NRA



BAOR  
F/T

*E. Loganty.*  
Brig, major  
DDMG,

HQ 8 Corps District.



Ext 2248

BY FAST AIR MAIL

73A

Ref: PWDP/16032/G/Exec.1.

HQ PW & DP Division  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (DE)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN  
B.A.O.R.

5 Oct 45

The War Office  
C.A.(D.P.)  
Hotel Victoria  
Northumberland Avenue  
LONDON W.C.2.

SUBJECT:- Notice to POLES

72 Reference your TPM GCLB/BM/G/138 of 3 Oct and this  
HQ TPM PWDP/1715 of 5 Oct.

Herewith:-

- (a) Copy of letter BAOR/16038/G MGS(a) dated 28 Aug.
- (b) Copy of Notice to POLISH PWX and DP.
- (c) Translation of (b).

RBL/BM

*RBL*  
Brigadier,  
Chief, PW & DP Division.



PMR/16032/G/Dec 1

# MESSAGE FORM

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TROOPERS

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions.

GR

Originator's No

PMR 2715 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Your COLB/BI/G/138 dated 051850A(.)

Copy of notice to POLIS being forwarded fast air (.) This notice gave details as known of POLISH eastern boundary and stated each POLE would be asked in presence BRITISH officer quote are you willing to return to POLAND now under conditions as you know then unquote



16032/G

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IMPORTANT



UAGP V WAROF 30614 'P - P'

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FROM TROOPERS 031850A

TO CONCOMB

BT

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PW + DP Div

CCLB/BM/G/138 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOR PW AND DP DIV (.)

FIRST (.) REQUEST SEND BY FAST AIR MAIL COPY OF PROFORMA

ISSUED TO POLES ASKING ~~WHETHER~~ WHETHER THEY DESIRE REPATRIATION  
TO POLAND (.)

SECOND (.) FORWARD SAME TIME DETAILS OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO  
POLES BEFORE SIGNING PROFORMA REGARDING CONDITIONS IN POLAND (.)

THREE (.) REQUEST TREAT AS URGENT

BT 031850A

CCLB/BM/G/138

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See 72973  
03/12

R 2340



16038/3/12

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SECRET

Subject: Repatriation of Polish Armed Forces

Control Commission for Germany (BE)  
PW/DP Division.

BAOR/00/39793/1/Ops(A)

*59A refers*

Reference telephone conversation of 29 September 1945.

1. Herewith two copies of Brief on Repatriation of Polish Armed Forces, as requested.
2. It is pointed out that a copy for Mil Gov 8 was included with those forwarded to HQ Control Commission under our letter of the above reference dated 8 September 45.

G(Ops)  
Ext 3196  
29 September 1945



*[Signature]*  
Major General,  
Chief of Staff,  
British Army of the Rhine.

/DW



IMMEDIATE

Subject:- Repatriation of Polish Armed Forces

SECRET

Chief of Staff, British Zone

BAOR/00/39793/1/Op2(A)

Herewith ...<sup>3</sup>... copies of Brief on Repatriation of Polish Armed Forces.

Ext 3297

G(Ops)

HQ British Army of the Rhine,

8 September 1945

/ED

*Handwritten signature*  
for Major-General,  
Chief of Staff.

Copy to:- Main HQ Control Commission (6) (incl copy for Mil Gov 8)

Brig. C.L. Richardson

G(SD) (3)

A(Coord)

Q(Maint)

Q(M) (2)

Allied Liaison



BRIEF ON REPATRIATION OF POLISH ARMED FORCESDEFINITION

1. Polish Armed Forces are defined as "Men who have been enlisted with the Polish Armed Forces under British control. All others regardless of status 1939 - 40 Polish Army will be regarded as Displaced Persons" (War Office message 586 of 1 September, copy attached at Appendix 'A').

COMPOSITION

2. Polish Armed Forces concerned will come from:-
  - (a) British Army of the Rhine (30 Corps District)
 

1 Polish Armoured Division	-	15,886
1 Polish Parachute Brigade	-	4,147 <i>1147</i>
<i>POLISH RHU.</i>	-	<i>1077</i>

 (These figures do not include Naval or Air Force personnel).
  - (b) United Kingdom - about 60,000
  - (c) France - about 200.
3. Approximate numbers so far elected to return to Poland are:-
  - (a) British Army of the Rhine - 400 (most recent estimate but census not yet completed).
  - (b) United Kingdom - 13,000 (will probably rise)
  - (c) France - Not known.

METHOD OF REPATRIATION

4. War Office have asked that it be cleared at this Conference that Polish Armed Forces may be repatriated through Displaced Persons channels. War Office have no objection to a unit travelling as such if sufficient volunteers from that unit justify it. United Kingdom will send 500 per day to British Zone once repatriation starts (Troopers 68916 SD5 of 24 August, copy attached at Appendix 'B', also Troopers 70139 SD5 of 29 August at Appendix 'C' and Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine message GO 301A of 31 August at Appendix 'D').
5. It is also understood that Displaced Persons are going to be repatriated as follows:-
  - (a) By Road and Rail - 6,000 per day using British transport. (This could be increased to 10,000 if necessary).
  - (b) By Sea - The question of movement by sea is subject to availability of shipping and other factors now under discussion.  
A separate brief on this subject is to be submitted by Q(Mov).

GENERAL

6. Poles Electing to Return to Poland
  - (a) In 30 Corps District the number electing to return is, at present, small. They are not being segregated. There is no victimisation. (Allied Liaison letter BAOR/17497/1/AL of 3 September, copy attached at Appendix 'E').

.../(b) They



- (b) They will take with them their personal arms and equipment (Troopers 70139 SD5 of 29 August, copy attached at Appendix 'C').
- (c) Scale of clothing and necessities has been laid down (Troopers 71020 Q(AF)2 of 1 September, copy attached at Appendix 'F')

7. Poles Wishing to be Repatriated to Countries other than Poland

Foreign Office pro-forma has been received and distributed to 30 Corps District (Troopers 70139 SD5 of 29 August, copy attached at Appendix 'C'). Foreign Office pro-forma at Appendix 'G'. The number involved ex British Army of the Rhine is about 1,700.

8. Liaison

Chief of Staff, British Army of the Rhine, has no objection to a visit by Liaison Officers from Warsaw, provided that:-

- (a) They do not interfere with the present liaison organisation.
- (b) They do not introduce political issues.

9. Guards

It is appreciated that guards will have to be provided both for land and sea movement.

10. Poles ex Wehrmacht

There are 23,000 at present held as follows:-

- (a) 8 Corps District - 15,000
- (b) 30 Corps District - 5,000
- (c) L of C - 3,000

These Poles have not yet been screened and no action to repatriate any of them is being taken pending a decision as to their future.



Appendix 'A' to  
DAOR/49/39793/1/Opd(A)  
dated 8 September 1945

C O P Y

FROM WAR OFFICE 011020A

TO B A S FRANCE  
INFO EKFOR  
B M M FRANCE  
B M A PARIS

586. SECRET

FIRST . ALL MEMBERS POLISH ARMED FORCES UNDER BRITISH CONTROL WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY VOLUNTEER FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN TO POLAND . YOU SHOULD NOW ARRANGE SEGREGATION ALL VOLUNTEERS AMONG MEN OF POLISH ARMY IN FRANCE AND REPORT NUMBERS EARLIEST SO THAT REPATRIATION MAY BE ARRANGED . SECOND . MEN WILL BE RETURNED AS SOLDIERS WITH PERSONAL ARMS AND EQUIPMENT IN DRAFTS WITH SUITABLE DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICERS OR NCO'S SELECTED FROM ALICIA VOLUNTEERS . GREATEST CARE MUST BE TAKEN THAT ALL MEN HAVE FREE CHOICE AND NO MAN IS REPATRIATED AGAINST HIS WILL . THOSE REFUSING VOLUNTEER NOW WILL BE INFORMED OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN . THIRD . ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY ONLY TO MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ENLISTED WITH POLISH ARMED FORCES UNDER BRITISH CONTROL . ALL OTHERS REGARDLESS STATUS IN 1939 - 40 POLISH ARMY WILL BE REGARDED AS DISPLACED PERSONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL WILL BE SENT B M M FRANCE . FOURTH . FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW LATER ON DISPOSAL NON-VOLUNTEERS AND THOSE CLAIMING REPATRIATION TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN POLAND

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APPENDIX 'B' to  
BAG/00/39793/1/One(A)  
dated 8 Sep 45

Copy

FROM TROOPERS

TO EXFOR

68916 SD5 TOPSEC.

FIRST . WE ARE EXAMINING FACILITIES FOR IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION TO POLAND  
OF MEMBERS OF POLISH ARMED FORCES NOW WILLING TO RETURN IN ANTICIPATION  
OF DECISION TO CARRY OUT THIS MOVE ON WHICH POLICY TELEGRAM WILL FOLLOW  
LATER. SECOND. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR BERLIN CONFERENCE NOW DISCUSSING  
MOVEMENT POLISH DISPLACED PERSONS THROUGH CHANNEL USED FOR RUSSIANS (CONCERN  
ARGUS 34 REFERS) TO CLEAR PRINCIPLE THAT MEMBERS ARMED FORCES MAY ALSO MOVE  
BY THIS ROUTE . THIRD . ALSO REQUEST YOU CONFIRM THAT SUBJECT TO PARA  
SECOND ABOVE YOU CAN ACCEPT POLES FROM U KINGDOM AT 500 PER DAY FOR  
ONWARD MOVEMENT BY THIS ROUTE . PRESENT ESTIMATE TOTALS 13000 BUT THIS  
WILL PROBABLY RISE

FOO: 241915A Aug.



Appendix 'C' to  
BAGR/00/39793/1/0ps(A)  
dated 8 Sep 45

COPY

FROM : TROOPERS

TO : EXFOR FREEDOM MIDEAST

70130 SD 5 . SECRET . FIRST . POLICY SEGREGATION AND EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPATRIATION ALL MEMBERS POLISH ARMED FORCES WILLING RETURN POLAND NOW APPROVED . REQUEST YOU TAKE EXECUTIVE ACTION FORTHWITH ON LINES MY 68916 23 AUGUST (TO EXFOR) AND MY 69809 28 AUGUST (TO AFHQ AND MIDDLE EAST) . SECOND . MEN WILL BE RETURNED AS SOLDIERS WITH PERSONAL ARMS AND EQUIPMENT IN DRAFTS WITH SUITABLE DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICERS OR NCO'S SELECTED FROM AMONG VOLUNTEERS . NO OBJECTION RETURN AS A UNIT IF NUMBER VOLUNTEERS IN ANY UNIT MAKES THIS FEASIBLE . THIRD . GREATEST CARE MUST BE TAKEN THAT ALL MEN HAVE FREE CHOICE AND NO MAN IS REPATRIATED AGAINST HIS WILL . THOSE REFUSING VOLUNTEER NOW WILL BE INFORMED OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN . FOURTH . CERTAIN MEN CLAIM REPATRIATION TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN POLAND ON GROUND PREVIOUS RESIDENCE OR CITIZENSHIP . WE REQUIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NOMINAL ROLLS SUCH CLAIMANTS GIVING FULL DETAILS . FOREIGN OFFICE PRO FORMA FOR APPLICATIONS FOLLOWS AIRMAIL . PENDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR RETURN THEY SHOULD REMAIN IN PRESENT UNITS . FIFTH . PROBABLE THAT MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO WARSAW GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE YOUR THEATRES AS SUBORDINATE MISSIONS TO ONE SHORTLY DUE IN LONDON . THERE IS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THESE MISSIONS HAVING FREE ACCESS TO SEGREGATION CAMPS OF POLES WHO HAVE CHOICE IN RETURN . PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS THEY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE ACCESS OTHER POLISH CAMPS . SIXTH . NO RPT NO INSTRUCTIONS YET AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL THOSE NOT RPT NOT CHOOSING RETURN AT PRESENT

TOC 291710A Aug

DOP: IMMEDIATE



APPENDIX "D" to BAOR/00/3979/1/  
Ops(A), dated 8 Sep 45

FROM : KEXFOR

DATE-TOO  
31 1535 B

TO : FOR ACTION : 30 CORPS DIST :

FOR INFO : COMCOMB :

SO 301 A SECRET. FIRST, war office have now approved policy segregation and earliest possible repatriation all members polish armed forces willing return POLAND. SECOND, this HQ will arrange to clear principle at forthcoming conference BEE IN that channel used for new polish DPs will also be used for armed forces. THIRD, men will be returned as soldiers with personal arms and equipment in drafts with suitable draft conducting officers or NCOs selected from volunteers. If number volunteers in any unit makes it possible no objection return as unit. FOURTH, important every effort made ensure all men have free choice and no man repatriated unwillingly, those refusing volunteer now will be info offer will remain open. FIFTH, certain men claim repatriation to countries other than POLAND on grounds previous residence or citizenship, nominal rolls of such claimants giving full details will be required, foreign office proforma for such application follows, these personnel will remain present with pending arrangements for their return. SIXTH, expected WARSAW govt will wish to introduce their LOs into brit zone, although intention is NOT to change present liaison arg there will be no objection to repatriated WARSAW govt having free access to poles who have elected return, pending further instrs they should NOT have access to other poles. SEVENTH, ROSS reporting your HQ on 1 sep to discuss above particularly necessity for segregation

IF OFFER if liable  
to interception

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*M. F. C.*  
*Col G.C.*

Copy to: PA to MHA

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G(2D) (2)

A(Co-ord) (2)

Q(Co-ord) (2)

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MI Gov

MAC (2)

War Diary (2)



APPENDIX 'B' to  
BAOR/CO/39/93/1/Ops(A)  
dated 8 Sep 45

Copy

Subject: Segregation and Repatriation  
of Polish Troops

BAOR/17497/1/AL

G(Ops)

3 Sep 45

Ref your BAOR/39647/Ops A to 30 Corps dated 31 Aug.

1. The total number of military personnel volunteering to return to Poland varies from day to day mainly in accordance with news received from persons returning from Poland. At present it is believed to be about 400.

2. Commander 30 Corps is in disfavour of segregation for the following reasons:-

(a) This would imply a distrust of the Polish Staff which, so far, has cooperated admirably on this question.

(b) It might lower the present high morale among the Polish troops.

(c) It seems unnecessary to segregate such a small number who are in no way being victimised by their officers or commanders.

3. I endorse these opinions.

4. If and when Warsaw representatives arrive, it would be possible to arrange for the volunteers to be interviewed by them as a body, provided due notice is given.

5. Liaison Unit is being instructed to ascertain the numbers of those wishing to return now in conformity with para 4 of your telegram under reference.

(Sgd) A. Ross

At: 2338  
British Army of the Rhine,  
A.O.R.

Colonel,  
G.S.,  
Allied Liaison.

Copy to:- 30 Corps District  
4 Liaison HQ



APPENDIX 'F' to  
 BACR/00/59793/1/002(A)  
 dated 8 Sep 45

Copy

FROM : TROOPERS  
 TO : NIFOR FREEDOM MIDEAST

71020 Q(AF)2. SECRET. FURTHER TO MY 70139 SD5 29 AUGUST.

FIRST . FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES WILL BE RETAINED BY  
 PERSONNEL POLISH ARMED FORCES ELECTING TO RETURN POLAND.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SCALE</u>
HOUSE ED	1
HEADGEAR(CAPS GS OR BERETS)	1
BOOTS ANKLE PRS	1
GREATCOATS	1
TROUSERS BD PR	1
BAGGERS CAP	1
BRACES PR	1
CAP OLFORTER	1
DRAWERS CELLULAR OR DRAWERS WOOLLEN	2
FORKS	1
GLOVES KNITTED PRS	1
HOIDAL'S	1
HOUSEWIFE	1
JERSEY FULLOVER	1
KNIFE TADIE	1
LACES LEATHER SPARE PR	1
LANYARD	1
SHIRTS ANGOLA DRAB OR KHAKI FLANNEL	2
SOCKS WORSTED PRS	3
SPOONS	1



SHEET 2

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SCALE</u>
TITLES	1 PR
TOWELS HAND	2
VESTS WOOLLEN	2
BRUSH HAIR	1
BRUSH SHAVING	1
BRUSH SHOE	1
BRUSH TOOTH	1
COMB HAIR	1
RAZOR SAFETY	1
SOAP 2 OZ PIECE	1

ALL OTHER ITEMS HEID UNDER SCALE 3 WAR CLOTHING REGS 43 WILL BE  
 REPATRIATED FROM TPS AND RETURNED TO NEAREST ORD DEPOT UNDER LOCAL  
 ARRANGEMENTS.

RECORD . RECORD OF ALL PERSONAL ARMS TRANSFERRED TO POLAND WITH  
 REPATRIATE PERSONNEL TO BE REPORTED WAR OFFICE THRO SERVICE CHANNELS.

RECORD. DECISION REGARDING CLOTHING TO BE RETAINED BY PERSONNEL  
 DESIROUS OF PROCEEDING COUNTRIES OTHER THAN POLAND WILL FOLLOW.

T O: 181700A Sep.



FORM OF APPLICATION

for discharge from Polish Armed Forces and return to their countries of residence of volunteer members of the Polish Armed Forces who are either:

- (a) of Polish nationality and formerly resident in countries other than Poland, or
- (b) of Allied (other than Polish) nationality.

1. Name.....Date of birth.....  
Place of birth.....

2(a)Rank.....(b) Official No.....(c)Present unit or ship.....

3. Nationality.....4. Country of former residence.....

5. Particulars and whereabouts of Passport.....

6(a)Particulars and whereabouts of any Foreign Identity cards.....

(b)Particulars and whereabouts of evidence of origin and length of residence in country of former residence,.....

7. Occupation in country of former residence,.....

8. Address or intended destination in country of former residence,.....

9. Particulars of immediate family

(a)Wife's name.....Date of birth.....  
Place of birth.....

Nationality before marriage.....

Whether formerly resident in country of applicant's destination) and if so between what dates).....

Present whereabouts.....

(b)Number of children if any.....Ages.....  
Place(s) of birth.....

Whether formerly resident in country of applicant's) destination and if so between what dates).....

Present whereabouts.....

Statement: The applicant is not suffering from contagious or infectious disease  
.....(Signed by Polish M.O.)  
.....(date)

Statement: I desire that facilities may be granted to me to travel to where I was formerly resident.

Signed.....(applicant)  
Date.....  
Countersigned.....(Polish C.O.)  
Date.....



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Extn: 2248.

Ref: 16038/3/12/

Exec 1.

HQ PW & DP Division.

Main HQ

Control Commission Germany (HE)

BAD OEYNHAUSEN.

B.A.O.R.

12 Sept. 45.

To: HQ. B.A.O.R. A (PWK) Branch.

SUBJECT:- POLISH Medical Liaison Officers.


Reference phone call HAYES-MULLENS of 12 Sep 45.

60A fwd.

Herewith letter BACR/3705/47/29/A(Org) of 7 Sep 45 concerning appointment of 4 Polish Medical Officers to be appointed respectively to Polish Military Mission, 1, 8 and 30 Corps.

This letter is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

JBH/MSW

  
Brigadier.

Chief PW & DP Division.



PW & DP

16038/3/12

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Subject:- Repatriation of Polish Armed Forces

30 Corps District

BAOR/OC/39793/V Ops(A)

NR

Reference message GO 301A of 31 August 1945 paragraph fifth.

1. Foreign Office proforma are forwarded herewith.
2. As each claim to repatriation to countries other than POLAND has to be cleared individually with the country concerned it is essential that the completed forms be returned as early as possible.
3. Pending arrangements for their return, the men, as previously stated in the above quoted message, should be retained in their present units.

Ext 3197  
HQ British Army of the Rhine,  
7 September 1945

*[Signature]*  
Major General  
Chief of Staff

/ED

Copy to:- Control Commission  
HQ British Army of the Rhine :  
PA to MSA A(Coord) (2)  
GSI Q(Coord) (2)  
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Allied Liaison (2)  
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Date.....



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1 - Polish Loc file  
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62.

MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming RESTRICTED CIPHER Message

IMPORTANT

IY 8577

DTO 201335B

FROM COMBINED DISPLACED PERSONS  
EXECUTIVE CITE ETGEC

TOR 211245A

TO CG 7 US ARMY FOR G-5 TO MAJOR  
KOZIO BRODSKI SENIOR POLISH  
LIAISON OFFICER.

CG 3 US ARMY FOR G-5 INFO TO  
MAJOR HEMPEL SENIOR POLISH  
LIAISON OFFICER.

INFO BAOR FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
(PASS TO CONCOMB)

US GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL FOR  
COLONEL LEBON.



S-24311.

MAJOR KLOS CHIEF OF NEW POLISH REPATRIATION MISSION TO UNITED STATES FORCES EUROPEAN THEATER FROM WARSAW ACCOMPANIED BY APPROXIMATELY TEN OFFICERS FOR MUNICH AND FIVE FOR HEIDELBERG, WILL REPORT TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS NEXT WEEK FOR THE SCREENING OF POLISH LIAISON OFFICERS. IN LINE WITH AN AGREEMENT RESULTING FROM RECENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL BERLIN AND POLISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES MAJOR KLOS HAS EXPRESSED THE INTENTION NOT RPT NOT TO DISTURB OUR LIAISON MACHINERY PROVIDED THE OFFICERS DECLARE THEIR LOYALTY TO THE PURPOSE OF REPATRIATION OF POLES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL POLISH LIAISON OFFICERS NOW ATTACHED TO US THIRD ARMY HEADQUARTERS BE ASSEMBLED FOR THIS PURPOSE ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, 24 THROUGH 26 SEPTEMBER AND THOSE AT US SEVENTH ARMY HQ ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY 27 THROUGH 29 SEPTEMBER.

DTO 201335B

Distribution

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BAOR/ARMY DIV. (2)  
Political Div.  
M & M.C.

NOTE BY MESSAGE  
& MAIL CENTRE

Passed to Bercomb



32/961  
MAIN H.Q.,  
POLITICAL DIVISION,  
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY,  
(British Element),  
B.A.O.R.

501/5/45

20th September, 1945



To: D.D.M.G.

From: Political Division

..... Attached is a copy of a memorandum from 714(P) Det. Mil.Gov. at Duesseldorf to the British Vice-Consul, which reached this Division on 13th September, about applications from Poles wishing to acquire British nationality.

..... 2. The matter was referred to the Foreign Office, a copy of whose reply is also attached.

3. I should be glad if Mil.Gov. Duesseldorf could be informed accordingly, with reference to their memorandum and if instructions based on the Foreign Office telegram could be issued to all Mil.Gov.Dets. for their guidance in answering enquiries.

(1a) C.E. King

for Chief,  
Political Division.

Copy to: P.W. & DP. Division ✓

Check with PA KDDM/GW  
that a reply is being sent  
24/9



HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NORTH RHINE PROVINCE

NR/LEG/301/25.

Subject: Polish Nationals.

30 Aug. 45.

To: British Vice-Consul, Main Headquarters,  
Control Commission for Germany,  
(British Element) Lubbecke, B. L. A.

(1) Applications are being received from POLES who wish to assume BRITISH nationality. This apparently results from various broadcasts in which it has been stated that BRITISH nationality has been offered to certain categories of POLES.

(2) Information is sought as to whether these offers apply only to members of the POLISH armed forces who have served in GREAT BRITAIN or under BRITISH command.

(3) May we please be informed what action should be taken in such cases.

Ext. No. 2268 Mil Gov  
DUESSELDORF

(Sgd.) ?? LT. COL.  
f. Brig.  
Comd. 714 (P) Det

*CR m/9*



FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO LÜBBECKE.

Date. 17/9.

TELEGRAM

Rec: 9.30 a.m.

No. 290.

Cypher.

Your tel. 164

It has not been found possible as yet to implement by legislation the hope expressed by Mr. Churchill that those members of the Polish Forces who had fought under British Command in the Allied Cause should be allowed to acquire British nationality. It was never intended that Mr. Churchill's statement should apply to Polish nationals in general and the present policy of H.M. Govt. is to encourage as many Poles as possible to return to Poland.

2. In the meantime any Polish national who wishes to apply for naturalization must first possess the necessary residence or service qualifications laid down by Section 2 of British nationality and Status of Aliens Act 1914.

*CR 24/9*



MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT) 32/9

60A

Incoming CONFIDENTIAL CIPHER Message

UNPARAPHRASED

FROM: COMBINED DISPLACED PERSONS EXECUTIVE US FORCES  
EUROPEAN THEATRE MAIN CITE ETGEC

IX 8142  
DTO 181200A  
TOR 191630A

TO: HQ BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT

INFORMATION TO BRITISH POLITICAL ADVISER

INFO: INFORMATION CONTROL DIVISION, BAD HOMBERG

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS FOR G-5

US FORCES AUSTRIA FOR G-5.



S 23898

See 63

REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE ON PROPOSED BROADCAST TO POLISH DISPLACED PERSONS IN GERMANY, TEXT GIVEN BELOW:

"IT IS POSSIBLE BUT NOT CERTAIN THAT SOME REPATRIATION OF POLES WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO RETURN TO POLAND NOW YOU MUST AWAIT MOVEMENT ORDERS FROM COMPETENT MILITARY AUTHORITY. UNCONTROLLED MOVEMENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RETURN TO POLAND NOW YOUR DECISION WILL NOT PREJUDICE YOUR EVENTUAL REPATRIATION AT A LATER DATE."

DTO 181200A

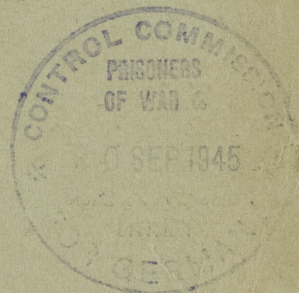
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M & MC (S.L.7)

NOTE BY M & MC.

Passed to Bercomb.

CR 24/9





490  
In: 2248

Ref: PWDP/16032/G/Exec 1.

HQ PW & DP Division,  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for Germany (BR)  
BAD OBERHAUSEN.  
B.A.O.R.

8 Sep 45.

C.A. (D.P.)  
War Office,  
Hotel Victoria  
Northumberland Avenue,  
LONDON. W.C. 2.

*See Sa*  
SUBJECT: Polish Student to England.  
MARIA KARPINSKI.

The enclosed is a copy of a certificate apparently issued by the Polish Faculty of Law, Oxford University and sent direct to a DP camp asking the Camp authorities to enable the above named student to leave for the United Kingdom. This letter has been forwarded to us by HQ 8 Corps District.

*2* Could enquiries please be made in the U.K. regarding this somewhat irregular procedure and further information on the matter forwarded to this Division.

*Zinc*  
Brigadier.  
Chief, PW & DP Division.

JNC/BWH.



38/3/12

58a

SUBJECT:- Polish Student to England.

8C/519/22/MG.

14 Sep 45.

Tel 259

To:- HQ PW & DP Div.  
Main HQ  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN  
B.A.O.R.

See 59a

MARIA KARPINSKI.

1. The a/m has been accepted by the Polish Faculty of Law at OXFORD. Copy of certificate is attached.
2. The faculty is responsible for providing financial support for Mme KARPINSKI.
3. May arrangements please be made for her to travel to UK from DP camp HAFFKRUG.



*Handwritten signature*

Brig,  
DDMG,

HQ 8 Corps District.

BAOR.  
F/J

CA(D.P.)  
War office



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# SECRET CIPHER TELEGRAM

This message will not be distributed outside British Government Departments or Headquarters or re-transmitted, even in cipher, without being paraphrased.  
(Messages marked O.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

IMMEDIATE

FROM : BERCOMB  
TO : TROOPERS  
INFO : CONCOMB



IY 5363  
DTO 101800C  
FOR 110230B

80463/SECT

ARGUS 47 (-) 16032/G?  
FOR CCLB FROM GENERAL ROBERTSON (.)  
REF YOUR SUGRA 34 (.)

THIS QUESTION WAS RAISED AT CONTROL COUNCIL TODAY BUT MARSHAL ZHUKOV REFUSED EVEN TO AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE STUDIED BY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GROUND THAT HE HAD NO TIME TO CONSIDER IT (.)

WE SHALL ENDEAVOUR TO GET IT BEFORE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BUT AM DOUBTFUL IF WE SHALL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE ANY DEFINITE RESULT UNDER 10 DAYS (.)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ANY ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE IMPORTANT PROPOSALS AT SHORT NOTICE IN PRESENT STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF CONTROL MACHINERY TENDS TO MAKE THE RUSSIANS SHY VIOLENTLY

DTO 101800C

## Distribution

Standard ARGUS/SUGRA  
M & MC (SL6)





16032/G  
MESSAGE AND MAIL CENTRE

SLA

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message



IMPORTANT

FROM: 1 CORPS DIST

TO: CONCOMB PW AND DP DIV

INFO: 52 (L INF DIV)

IY 5033

DTO 081700 B

TOR 082235 B

MG966

ISA

YOUR MG 1718 OF 201810B AUG PARA NINTH.

REQUEST EQUAL PRIORITY MINDEN AREA OWING INCREASING LAWLESSNESS AMONG  
LARGE NUMBERS OF POLES IN VILLAGES.

DTO 081700 B

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M & MC (10) (S.L.6)

MM

Curry Spoke Anderson 1 Corps  
Said no orders will be issued re  
this now and said we are not  
replying to this signal



16032/G

SSA

UAGP V JEGA NR07/6/7/8 IMPORTANT

QVR1 T QVR2/3

FROM BERCOMB 071015C

TO EXFOR USFET MAIN

INFO CONCOMB

BT

BGCC570 ( PWD/109/8 ) . RESTRICTED .

FRO PW AND DP DIVISION . SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION OF POLES .  
FIRST . HEAD OF POLISH DELEGATION NOW IN BERLIN .

SECOND . COSC (BZ) IS HOLDING QUINTUPARTITE MEETING ON 10  
SEP TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF REPATRIATING POLES . THIS WILL  
BE FOLLOWED BY ~~THREE~~ OTHER MEETINGS WHICH WILL DEAL WITH  
QUESTIONS IN GREATER DETAIL .

THIRD . REQUEST PW AND DP DIV AT EXFOR DESPATCH MOVEMENT  
OFFICER TO BERLIN AS ARRANGED .

FOURTH . USFET PLEASE PASS TO CDPX FOR INFO BRIGADIER KEXXX  
KENCHINGTON CHIEF OF BRITISH PW AND DP DIVISION

BT

AS

LJ

CCN LIEN 8 DIV AT EXFOR

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RD 1208 K

IMPORTANT

DISTROY

PW + DP DIV ✓

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Stokes 3013



W!  
Colonel (thru Exec 2)

Position regarding POLES (West of CURZON line etc etc) now willing to accept repat-

Ref ~~Flag G~~ 15A

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PW & DP  
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CONTROL COMMISSION  
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OF WAR &  
6 SEP 1945  
DISPLACED PERSONS  
DIVISION  
FOR GERMANY  
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BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE CONFL CIPHER MESSAGE OD/869

D.O.P.                      I M P O R T A N T

FROM:                      USFET MAIN

051420Z

IMPORTANT

TO:                      ONE(.) UNITED STATES GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL, TWO(.)

UNITED STATES MILITARY ATTACHE WARSAW, THREE(.) UNITED STATES  
MILITARY ATTACHE PRAGUE(.) (DOMA PLSE PASS),

INFO:                      FOUR(.) U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE MOSCOW, FIVE(.) ADJUTANT  
GENERAL WAR DEPT, SIX(.) THEATRE SERVICE FORCES EUROPEAN  
THEATRE REAR, SEVEN(.) U.S. FORCES AUSTRIA, EIGHT(.)  
ALLIED FORCE H.Q., NINE(.) BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE(.)  
SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE ETCD(.)

S\_21596(.) CONFL. (.) SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION OF POLES FINDINGS OF RECCE  
MISSION FOLLOW:

PARA ONE(.) GOVERNMENT ACROSS RUSSIAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY VIA HOF, CHERNITZ,  
DRESDEN AND GORLITZ WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPERATE MESSAGE (.)

PARA TWO (.) TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITH RUSSIAN AND  
POLISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN KALOWICE AND WITH CZECH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND POLISH CONSULATE IN PRAGUE FOR RAIL MOVEMENT ACROSS CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
FROM UNITED STATES ZONE TO POLAND(.) MOVEMENT PLANNED IS 6000 PER DAY, OR FOUR  
TRAINS (.) WESTERN BORDER POINTS ARE PILZEN AND LINZ (.) RECEPTION POINTS IN  
POLAND ARE BIELSKO, COSEL, AND DEILDZGA (.) POLES ASSURE CLEARANCE AT THIS RATE  
CAN BE MAINTAINED AND CZECHS THAT RAIL POWERS ARE AVAILABLE THOUGH PRECISE  
ROUTING WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK AND DEPENDS UPON SPLIT  
POLES DESIRE BETWEEN THE THREE RECEPTION POINTS (.)

PARA THREE (.) CZECHS AGREED TO FURNISH BOGOS AND WE TO FURNISH CARS FOR  
MOVEMENT, AND BOTH CZECHS AND POLES AGREED TO PROMPT RETURN OF ROLLING STOCK (.)  
ALSO POLES AGREED TO ACCEPT OUR RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS IN RECEPTION  
POINTS AND CZECHS REQUESTED RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN PRAGUE (.)  
PARA FOUR (.) COLONEL KASCHEV, REPRESENTING MAJOR GENERAL DAVIDOV, RUSSIAN  
LIAISON OFFICER TO GENERAL EISENHOWER, WAS PRESENT AT ALL MEETINGS AND CONCURRED  
ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE (.)

PARA FIVE (.) ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO AFFIRM IN PRINCIPLE ARRANGEMENTS  
HEREIN OUTLINED WITH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY (.) DESIRE TO  
START MOVEMENT 8 SEPT



*Link  
not D.P.*

S2A

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051810

MAIN 21 ARMY GROUP SECRET CIPHER MESSAGE OD 852

D.O.P..... IMPORTANT

041500B

*DIST 11  
17(A)  
SD(8)  
ORS(3)*

FROM BRITISH MILITARY MISSION TO FRANCE

TO WAR OFFICE

*called Liaison  
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ORD  
CA/102 Cool*

INFO SAS FRANCE,

EXFOR,

BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE PARIS

SOA

XXX

BMT 0 92 (.) SECRET (.) ONE ( ) YOUR 586 DATED ONE SEPT (.) PLEASE  
DEFINE QUOTE ALL MEMBERS POLISH ARMED FORCES UNDER BRITISH CONTROL UNQUOTE (.)  
TWO (.) DOES THIS MEAN (A) MEN WHO HAVE BELONGED TO A POLISH UNIT UNDER BRITISH  
COMMAND DURING THE WAR WHEREVER ENLISTED ( A FEW HUNDRED ONLY IN FRANCE) OR  
(B) ANY MEMBER OF POLISH ARMED FORCES NOW IN BRITISH ADMINISTERED CAMPS IN FRANCE  
(APPROX 6000)



D.O.P.... IMPORTANT

DWJ

16032/a



51A  
File  
Extra: 3014

Ref: RMDP/16032/G/Exec 1.

4 Sep 45.

SUBJECT: Polish repatriation.

1. A recon party from the US Zone has now been to POLAND and returned. They have made the following decisions, etc., which require confirmation from WARSAW and which have been forwarded to BERLIN in the form of recommendations.

- (a) Road surfaces etc., have proved so bad that it has been decided that NO road movement is possible.
- (b) A rail move at the rate of 12,000 per day has been tentatively laid on as follows : US rolling stock and Soviet locos will be used:
  - (i) Now - PILSEN via CZECHO-SLOVAKIA *K Poland.*
  - (ii) W.e.f. 10 Sep - HOF direct to POLAND.

2. I suggest that we decide to abandon road movement and make concrete proposals on US lines for rail movement. If you agree I will get as far as I can with Q(Mov) and will then report progress.

To: Chief.

HF/BTH

Copy to: Policy Branch  
Exec 1  
Exec 2

*W.*  
Colonel.  
Deputy Chief.  
Exec Branch.



16032/6

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JENF V JAJA JAT 14 QVR 2

FROM WAR OFFICE 011020A

TO D A S FRANCE  
INFO EXFOR  
D M H FRANCE  
D M A PARIS  
BT

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D(AE)(2)  
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EA/1414 GUV(2)

566. SECRET.

FIRST. ALL MEMBERS POLISH ARMED FORCES UNDER BRITISH CONTROL WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY VOLUNTEER FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN TO POLAND. YOU SHOULD NOW ARRANGE SEGREGATION ALL VOLUNTEERS AMONG MEN OF POLISH ARMY IN FRANK AND REPORT NUMBERS EARLIEST SO THAT REPATRIATION MAY BE ARRANGED. SECOND. MEN WILL BE RETURNED AS SOLDIERS WITH PERSONAL ARMS AND EQUIPMENT IN DRAFTS WITH SUITABLE DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICERS OR NCO'S SELECTED FROM AMONG VOLUNTEERS. GREATEST CARE MUST BE TAKEN THAT ALL MEN HAVE

FREE CHOICE AND NO MAN IS REPATRIATED AGAINST HIS WILL.

THOSE REFUSING VOLUNTEER NOW WILL BE INFORMED OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN. THIRD. ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY ONLY TO MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ENLISTED WITH POLISH ARMS FORCES UNDER BRITISH CONTROL. ALL OTHERS REGARDLESS STATUS IN 1939-40 POLISH ARMY WILL BE REGARDED AS DISPLACED PERSONS, AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL WILL BE SENT D M H FRANCE. FOURTH. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW LATER ON DISPOSAL OF NON-VOLUNTEERS, AND THOSE CLAIMING REPATRIATION TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN POLAND.

011020A

D A S D M H D M A 566 1939-40

CORR AFTER DISPOSAL REAR NON-VOLUNTEERS

1945A



*To EXEC.*  
SUBJECT : Repatriation of Poles. *120*  
*49A*

BAOR/3898/28/A(PWX).

31 Aug 45.

PW/IP Div,  
Control Commission for Germany (Br.El.).

Ref attached copy of TPM from  
8 Corps Dist. which appears to raise a  
very wide question.

In view of the meeting of 22 Aug 45  
may a ruling please be given and circulated  
to all Corps Districts?

*Dorothy M. Richards.*  
*J. Lind.*

*Major General.*  
IC Administration.  
British Army of the RHINE.

'A' Branch.  
HQ. British Army of the RHINE.  
B.A.O.R.

Tel Ext : 2276.





498 120A

phone APWX and hand over  
2274/16

K BOTH K



UAGP V HCO NR 1621 'P' P'

(2)

Important

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FROM ACPWX 8 CORPS DISTRICT 291745B  
TO EXFOR  
BT

903  
190030

DITRA/  
A/4)

AE 2/5. R E S T R I C T E D. SUBJECT-REPATRIATION OF POLES.  
XXXXX ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPATRIATION OF POLES HAS RESULTED IN  
FIVE APPLICATIONS BY POLISH P W X TO VISIT ~~THRX~~ THEIR FAMILIES  
AT S T U T T G A R T B R U S S E L S AND P A R I S IN ORDER  
TO <sup>P</sup>ECIDE AND TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE COMMS.  
THERE WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE MANY MORE ~~SIMILAR~~ SIMILAR  
APPLICATIONS. LEAVE REQUESTED IS ~~FRXXX~~ IS FROM 10 DAYS TO TWO  
MONTHS AND IS ~~ENDORXXX~~ ENDORSED BY POLISH COMD IN AREA . 8 CORPS  
DISTRICT PASS NOT SUFFICIENT TO GUARANTEE SAFE CONDUCT  
THROUGH U S ZONE OR TO F R A N C E . REQUEST RULING  
BT ~~9XXX 27XXX~~ 291745B  
REPS AE 2/5 PWX STUTTGART BRUSSELS PARIS 10 8 US FRANCE

phoned Pwx 4 ltr. who have  
copy of this signal and have  
acted up it.  
JH.

B 'P'

*[Signature]*

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16032/9

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UAGP V CKCO OP OP 108

Immediate

FROM 30 CORPS DISTRICT 011010B

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TO EXFOR

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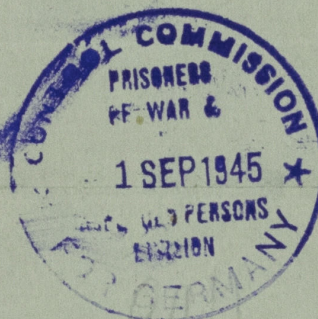
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AC(PWX)213 S E C R E T . PLEASE AMEND THIS HQ ACPWX)198 OF 311150B  
AS FOLLOWS . PARA S E C O N D NUMBER P O L E S UNWILLING  
TO RETURN NOW 72045 . PARA T H I R D NUMBER UNDECIDED NOW  
16,359

BT 011010

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UAGP ED 1220 EJR KKKK





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Immediate 148 4

AGP V CKCO 167 OPOOP  
FROM 30 CORPS DISTRICT 311150 B  
TO EXFOR  
BT

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311400

DISCON/ CA/Mil. Govt

ISA

ACPMX)198 S E C R E T . REF MG 1718 OF 201810B PARA 4 .  
F I R S T . NUMBE OF POLES WILLING TO RETURN TO POLAND  
NOW 175539. SECOND. NUMBER UNWILLING TO RETURN NO

78692 THIRD . NUMBER UNDECIDED 16948  
72045  
BT 311150

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198 1718 201810 4 175539 78692 16948

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ANSWER

175539  
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amended by USA  
CONTROL COMMISSION  
PRISONERS OF WAR &  
31 AUG 1945  
DISPLACED PERSONS  
DIVISION  
FOR GERMANY

No 738  
31 AUG 1945  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT

1815



Y FORM C2136 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

16032/G

Register No.

Call

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Priority

Transmission Instructions

1011

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM  
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

1 CORPS DIST

1830B

For Action

EXFOR MIL GOV



TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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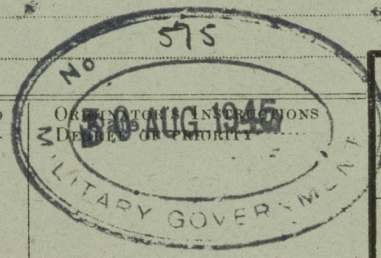
MG 927 @ Unclassified @ Your MG 1718 of 201810 B @ POLES  
 WISHING REPATRIATION 53 Div 12500 49 Div 16700 52 Div 24  
 GDS Div 3600 TOTAL 57100

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN**  
 BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT WIRELESS }

Signed

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
 FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-  
 SAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CIPHER**

Signed



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THI or TOR

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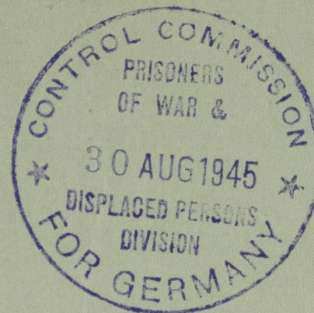
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USA



Important

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291500

A(4)  
MIL GOV

UAGP V HCO 1455 P P QVR 1

FROM A (PWX) 3 CORPS DISTRICT

291240 B

TO EXFOR

INFO MIL GOV 'G'

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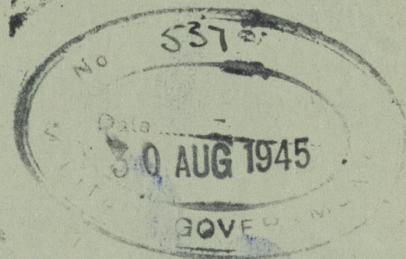
ISA

AE 2/5 (.) S E C R E T (.) FOR A (PWX) AND MIL GOV (.) REF YOUR  
MG 1718 OF 201810B (.) POLES WILLING TO BE REPATRIATED DP'S 58021 :  
PWX 9259 : TOTAL 67230

BT 291240 B

REPTN AE2/5 MG 1718 201810 B DPS 58021 9259 67280 B P K  
WA AND FIRST LINE MIL IMI N MIL

ANSWER





16032/G  
16032/G  
Sol to sub. 44A  
MAIN 21 ARMY GROUP SECRET OFFICE MESSAGE NO OD 503.

h98 ✓  
DOP: IMMEDIATE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO: EXFOR FREEDOM MIDEAST

291710A

DISTBA

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CONCOMB (R)

70139 SD 5 . SECRET . FIRST . POLICY SEGREGATION AND EARLIEST

POSSIBLE REPATRIATION ALL MEMBERS POLISH ARMED FORCES WILLING RETURN

POLAND NOW APPROVED . REQUEST YOU TAKE EXECUTIVE ACTION FORTHWITH

ON LINES MY 68916 23 AUGUST (TO EXFOR) AND MY 69809 28 AUGUST (TO

AFHQ AND MIDDLE EAST) . SECOND . MEN WILL BE RETURNED AS SOLDIERS

WITH PERSONAL ARMS AND EQUIPMENT IN DRAFTS WITH SUITABLE DRAFT

CONDUCTING OFFICERS OR NCO'S SELECTED FROM AMONG VOLUNTEERS . NO

OBJECTION RETURN AS A UNIT IF NUMBER VOLUNTEERS IN ANY UNIT MAKES

THIS FEASIBLE . THIRD . GREATEST CARE MUST BE TAKEN THAT ALL MEN

HAVE FREE CHOICE AND NO MAN IS REPATRIATED AGAINST HIS WILL . THOSE

REFUSING VOLUNTEER NOW WILL BE INFORMED OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN .

FOURTH . CERTAIN MEN CLAIM REPATRIATION TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN

POLAND ON GROUND PREVIOUS RESIDENCE OR CITIZENSHIP . WE REQUIRE AS

SOON AS POSSIBLE NOMINAL ROLLS SUCH CLAIMANTS GIVING FULL DETAILS .

FOREIGN OFFICE PRO FORMA FOR APPLICATIONS FOLLOWS AIRMAIL . PENDING

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR RETURN THEY SHOULD REMAIN IN PRESENT UNITS .

FIFTH . PROBABLE THAT MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO WARSAW GOVERNMENT WILL

SHORTLY ARRIVE YOUR THEATRES AS SUBORDINATE MISSIONS TO ONE SHORTLY

DUE IN LONDON . THERE IS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO THESE MISSIONS HAVING

FREE ACCESS TO SEGREGATION CAMPS OF POLES WHO HAVE CHOSEN RETURN .

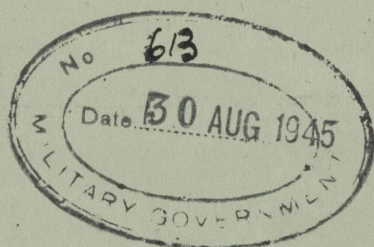
PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS THEY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE ACCESS

OTHER POLISH CAMPS . SIXTH . NO RPT NO INSTRUCTIONS YET AVAILABLE FOR

DISPOSAL THOSE NOT RPT NOT CHOOSING RETURN AT PRESENT

BT 291710A

TOP: IMMEDIATE.





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MESSAGE & MAIL CENTRE  
CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (B.E.)

Incoming RESTRICTED CIPHER Message

UNPARAPHRASED

FROM: USFET MAIN, FROM CDPX CITE ETGEC

IY 3666  
DTO 27145B  
TOR 281205B

TO: CG THIRD US ARMY, CG SEVENTH US ARMY  
USFET REAR, FRENCH MIL GOV (GERMANY)  
BADEN BADEN, USFET MISSION FRANCE,  
USFET MISSION BELGIUM.

INFO: BRITISH ARMY OF RHINE, CG USFA FOR SECOND CORPS,  
AFHQ FOR ALEXANDER, FRENCH MIL GOV (AUSTRIA) INNSBRUCK,  
US EMBASSY WARSAW, BR EMBASSY WARSAW, TROOPERS, AGWAR  
FOR MARSHALL, USGCC, CONTROL COMMISSION (BRITISH ELEMENT),  
BR FIFTH CORPS AUSTRIA.

S-19961.

1. REPATRIATION OF POLES NOW BEING NEGOTIATED.
2. THE QUESTION SHOULD NOW BE PUT TO ALL POLES COVERED BY SECTION 9A OF REPORT ON THE TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE OF BERLIN 2 AUG 1945, EG. DISPLACED PERSONS, MEMBERS OF THE POLISH ARMED FORCES AND THE MERCHANT MARINE, EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, WHETHER THEY DESIRE TO RETURN TO POLAND NOW. IT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED THAT A NEGATIVE ANSWER WILL NOT PREJUDICE THEIR FINAL DECISION.
3. POLES WILL NOT BE RETURNED AGAINST THEIR WILL.
4. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NUMBERS PREPARED TO MOVE.

DTO 27145B

Distribution:

PW & DP Div 4 - for action  
COS (BZ)  
Political Adviser  
Sec Gen.  
Dep. Sec (Br)  
Secretariat 2  
Research Branch  
J.I.Co-ord  
Naval Div 6  
Air Div 6  
Political Div 4  
Bercomb (Cipher groups re-transmitted)  
M & MC (SL 6)



Colonel

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Repatriation  
of Poles "File"

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Ref. and.

Page 2.

I do not consider this a good

plan - Either the 4 Poles would never come

back or if they did the others wouldn't

go!

Col Ross considers the plan bad. Let be

proceeded with at present - He does not think  
the Americans have done this -

ADMI Gov & Cops has been  
page 3.

contacted - He knows nothing of Swedish Res

x Team at Lubeck but is investigating &

informing us - I recommend no action

until we hear again from Forman - He will

for him again Monday if necessary.

Robt 25/8

Spec!

OK. let the  
know this  
is in

W.  
25/8



Spec 1

~~Refatt.~~

1. Para 2. I do not consider this at all a good idea. Please check into Col. Ross.

2. Para 3. Please find out what this is all about.

If this are in fact of no use to 8 Corps - which wants checking - 30 Corps should be able to use this early and this can be deployed accordingly.

M

25/8



Col Fulton

Ref Brigg's note on para 2.  
Would you let him have your views and  
those of Col Ross?

Ref para 3, ~~I am cleaning~~  
~~WARR and happy~~  
~~I have told Col S. So says he~~  
~~can go ahead.~~ This with Pat-Huggett.

Col Fulton  
25/8



Chief

I took a call from the Chief of Staff 30 Corps at 1015 hrs.

1. He understands evacuation of Poles is likely to begin mid-September. Can this not be speeded up? Poles are extremely restless, etc, etc.

I told him I understood trouble was transport and Chief of Staff here thought it better to wait till the 7 GT Coys were available and the job could be done properly rather than go off at half cock.

He understood but urged that every effort should be made to speed things up

2. It had been suggested to him that (say) 4 male Poles from each Centre or Div District should go to Warsaw as a delegation to observe conditions in Poland. They should then come back and report to the DPs in the Camps.

He understood Americans had done this - he thought with success.

He himself thought it was a little dangerous in that the report might be unfavourable and we should then be worse off than ever. Possibly better to wait till the volunteers had gone and the non-starters only were left.

I said I thought the scheme might be <sup>Suggested</sup> suggested as a propaganda trick and it might be better to wait for those who had returned early to write to their friends left behind.

3. There is at Lilbeck a small Swedish Red Cross staff and one team which during the war did work in Allied PW Camps. Since the war ended, for some reason unknown to COS, they have been marking time.

General Thomas saw head man yesterday, who is anxious to get started again.

May 30 Corps get into touch and put them to work? CofS understands UNRRA are quite agreeable.

*CofS. Hill*  
24 Aug.

*Check with CLEMENTO*  
*If OK with him*  
*go ahead*  
*CD*



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Exec

Do you want?

MOT

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MAIN 21 ARMY GROUP COMFL CIPHER MESSAGE OD423.

D O P...NIL.

FROM: CALA G-3.

281515B.

TO: BRITISH MILITARY MISSION BELGIUM.

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INFO: EXFOR BROADNESS ONE BRITISH MILITARY MISSION FRANCE.

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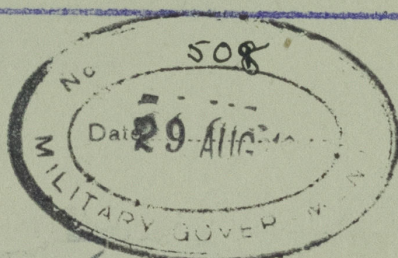
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RG1907. COMFL. REF YOUR B87/G DTD 25 AUGUST. PARA 1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLES IN FRANCE HANDED OVER TO BRITISH MILITARY MISSION FRANCE.

PARA 2. REQUEST YOU FORWARD REPLY TO OUR HG-1432 AND PROGRESS REPORTS TO BRITISH MILITARY MISSION FRANCE.

D O P...NIL.





SUBJECT: Repatriation of Poles

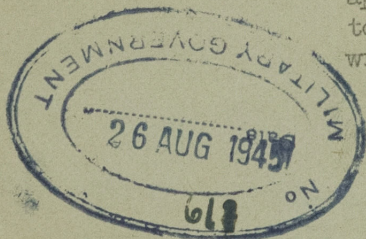
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603/5/MG

Mil Gov,  
HQ, 21 Army Group

Reference your 21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b) of 6 Aug 45.

1. The views of three Mil Gov (R) Dets considered best qualified to judge, and, in addition the views of Mil Comds, have been obtained on the questionnaire contained in the above letter.
2. In answer to question (a) the following points have been put forward :-
  - (a) The majority of POLES, whether for or against the WARSAW Government, wish to return to an independent POLAND free from RUSSIAN occupation and any negotiations with the RUSSIANS should be made on a basis of RUSSIAN non-interference and eventual withdrawal. The greatest dissuading factor is ~~f~~ear of RUSSIAN influence, control and domination.
  - (b) An attempt should be made to establish contact between the WARSAW Government and Polish DP/PWX. The WARSAW Government has been recognised by the Great Powers, and unless contact is made and the present bewildering state of affairs is clarified, a minority of POLES only may be found willing to return. Should IOs be appointed by the WARSAW Govt, however, however, they should be prepared to :-
    - (i) co-operate with the BRITISH authorities, and
    - (ii) refrain from any attempts at compulsion or intimidation against POLES not willing to elect for repatriation.
  - (c) A complete replacement of present IOs by IOs from the WARSAW Govt is unnecessary and undesirable. The majority of IOs now deployed are efficient at their job and, in obedience to their orders, have refrained from political activity.
  - (d) Another view expressed is that the arrival of IOs from WARSAW Govt would do nothing to allay the present prevailing fear of RUSSIAN domination. Unless the POLES can be given some guarantee of their security and independence and some concrete policy for the future of their country which they can freely discuss, they will remain bewildered and demoralised, no matter what propaganda is put over to them.
3. In answer to question (b), the following points are mentioned :-
  - (a) It is certain that the appointment of WARSAW IOs would be opposed on political grounds by anti-RUSSIAN elements amongst the DPs and by the majority of the PWX. It is not considered that this opposition would lead to bloodshed, provided the IOs appointed are mature and men of discretion and do not attempt to force POLES to return to POLAND against their individual wishes.



2/ (b) Many .....



- (b) Many of the men who compose the WARSAW Government are new to POLISH public life and not known to the DP/PWX and the declaration of their representatives would not be acceptable on these grounds.
- (c) WARSAW LOs would not be acceptable in camps in company with the present LOs, especially where the latter are men of personality and have been successful in maintaining order and peace in the POLISH communities.
- (d) Contact with WARSAW LOs would do little more than the present radio propaganda to reassure those POLES who are afraid for the future independence of their country. Many POLES are socialist in outlook but even so desire to see POLAND free from foreign domination and ruled by a freely elected Government.

4. Figures given vary widely and none are firm. The following estimates are quoted to show the divergence of opinion:-

Estimate (A)

- "(a) about 30% do not wish to return home under any circumstances or any Government.
- (b) about 70% are willing to return. These are again divided as follows :-
  - (i) about 40 - 50% will return when the RUSSIANS have left their country.
  - (ii) about 20 - 30% will return even with the RUSSIANS in occupation. Half these latter would prefer to remain here for the winter. This class would appear to be activated by physical considerations of housing, clothing, food, etc., and in no way for political reasons."

Estimate (B)

"For what it is worth I would estimate that 70 - 80% would at present elect for repatriation, and that WARSAW representatives would probably increase this percentage. I would not care to bet on my estimate within 20% each way.

5. No estimates received draw any marked contrast between the numbers willing to return (a) now and (b) after contact with WARSAW Govt reps. All views do, however, agree that a guarantee of future independence for POLAND or better still the withdrawal of the occupying RUSSIANS would make all the difference.



6. The following policy is suggested: the WARSAW Government is the recognised Government of POLAND and as such cannot properly be excluded from playing its part in the solution of the problem of the POLISH DP/PWX. It simply cannot be ignored, even though it may be a mere puppet Government controlled by SOVIET RUSSIA. Consultation is necessary with it and with the RUSSIAN authorities on the overall policy of repatriation and on transit and reception arrangements. WARSAW LOs should therefore be accepted at fm levels, possibly down to Corps. An essential condition of the acceptance of WARSAW LOs should, however, be a guarantee to all POLISH DP/PWX that, apart from war criminals, they are free to exercise their own individual choice in the matter of their return to their country. The present regime of POLISH LOs should be allowed to remain, (except in cases where they have shown marked political bias in favour of the LONDON Govt), as they are sympathetic towards the individual problems of the POLES and also perfectly capable of carrying out the comparatively simple work of preparing volunteers for repatriation. It is recommended that they are NOT replaced by WARSAW representatives.

7. With regard to figures, it is considered that the WARSAW point of view has already been put across adequately by radio broadcasts, and the arrival of WARSAW LOs would do little to increase the numbers electing to return.

Ext 154  
Mil Gov (DP)  
ISERLOHN

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GJ/EWE

*[Handwritten signature]*

Lieut General,  
Comd, 1 Corps District.

Copy to;- A (Eclipse)  
1 Corps Dist UNRRA HQ



PROJECTED REPATRIATION OF POLISH PWX AND DPS BY MOTOR TRANSPORT

25 Aug 45.

Chief, PWX and DP Division

ASSUMPTION

1. (a) That DQM G agrees to repatriation of Poles by motor transport.
- (b) That the repatriation of Polish Armed forces and ex-Wehrmacht personnel is discussed separately - i.e. figures for these are NOT included below.

NUMBERS FOR REPATRIATION

2. Estimated numbers to be repatriated are approximately 378,000
3. These figures are based on the assumption that 30% of PWX and DP will elect to remain in GERMANY for the present.

RATE AND COMPLETION REPATRIATION

4. Given a rate of repatriation of 5000 daily wef 21 Sep (end of BARLEYCORN mov) clearance would be effected in 76 days, that is by 5 Dec.
5. Allowing for breakdown and technical and weather holdups it is NOT considered that repatriation would actually be complete until 31 Dec 45.
6. The above rate of repatriation assumes the use of seven GT companies and a turn round of 5 days.

TRANSIT CAMPS

7. ME lift ex BRITISH Zone will be from ROTHENFELDE - WOLFSBURG (on the BRITISH/RUSSIAN Zone Border and 8 miles from the BERLIN autobahn) where there are transit facilities for 14,000.
8. Any Transit Halt Camps en route should be staffed by BRITISH staffs, assisted by Polish PWX or DP labour.
9. Suggest that final British Transit Camp in POLAND is unnecessary. DP/PWX to be driven straight over into Transit Camp established by Polish Government.

DOCUMENTATION

10. Officer i/c column will hold a certificate stating that all DPs and PW have been medically inspected, are free from infection and vermin, and have expressed a wish to return to POLAND.

/ Sheet 2.....



LIAISON OFFICERS.

VARIOUS

11. Note on LOs in BERLIN has been passed you.

RUSSIANS

12. Confirmation required that Russians accept minutes of meeting with VERSHININ at Headquarters 21 Army Group (21 A Gp/16033/ME8(a) of 16 Aug refers). A signal has been sent to Control Commission for GERMANY (BERLIN Group) reference MG 1762 of 24 Aug stating that :-

- (a) 2 LOs will be accepted for DENMARK.
- (b) reply awaited accepting conditions under which LOs operate in British Zone.
- (c) No wireless station could be established in British Zone.
- (d) reply awaited as to whether 10 Search Teams would be admitted into Russian Zone.

It is suggested that you should endeavour to obtain answers to points (b) and (d) above.

Ext 3014

Headquarters  
British Army of the Rhine,  
BAOR.

HF/MIL.

*W. J. ...*

Colonel,  
IDCA/ME8.



*mg 8*

SUBJECT :- Repatriation of Poles.

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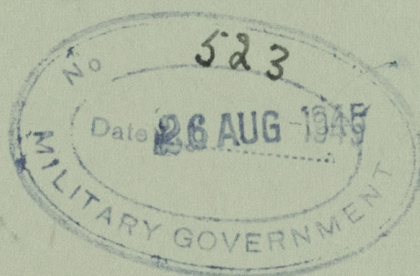
Tel 258 .

To :- Mil Gov 8,  
21 Army Gp.

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Ref your 21 AGp/35803/2/MG 8 (b) of 6 Aug 45.

1. The opinions expressed at the Conference held 21 Army Gp on 22 Aug are confirmed below.
2. (a) The system of control of DP's and PWX by Polish LO's and Polish PWX offrs is too complicated and intricate to replace at this stage. It would take many months to build up a similar control with new personnel from the Warsaw Government.
- (b) Polish LO's from the Warsaw Government would be acceptable in all DP camps but not to the bulk of PWX. Providing the change over of control were complete there would not be bloodshed but if some of the existing LO's etc. remained to work alongside the Warsaw reps there would be much friction and trouble.
- (c) (i) 75% would return now.
- (ii) This might rise to 85% after advent of Warsaw reps.



B.L.A.  
G/T

*H. J. ...*

Col,  
DDMG,  
HQ 8 Corps District.



SUBJECT. Repatriation of POLES

HQ 30 Corps District.

MIL Gov  
HQ 21 Army Group.*219*/MG.  
21 Aug 45.

Ref your 21 A Gp/35803/2/MG 8 (b) dated 6 Aug.

2. Replies received from the camps to the questions in para 2 of the above letter are as follows :-

DPs

- (a) The majority view is that the policy should be changed ( 2 . 1 )
- (b) It is considered that the present POLISH LOs are honestly working in the best interests of the DPs and that the introduction of WARSAW LOs would be inadvisable ( 2 . 1 )
- (c) (i) 85% of lower class DPs, 25% of school teachers and more intelligent types, overall percentage of 50%-70%.  
(ii) It is agreed that percentage in (c) (1) would be increased ( 2 . 1 )

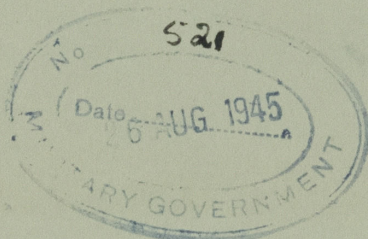
PWX

- (a) and (b) It is considered that the policy should be changed and that WARSAW LOs would be welcomed provided that they did NOT come to disseminate propaganda but to give infm and advice.
- (c) (i) 50% is an average figure from replies.  
(ii) It is NOT considered that the above figures would be greatly increased after arrival of the WARSAW LOs.

3. It is considered by this HQ that early repatriation of POLES is essential but that no WARSAW LOs should be deployed in this area as long as the flow of POLES equals POLISH acceptance. When no further POLES volunteer for repatriation, propaganda by WARSAW LOs must be permitted.

4. The Americans report success of sending 4 <sup>manicd</sup> unarmed DPs from their zone to WARSAW to report on conditions there for the infm of DPs remaining in the US zone. It is not proposed to ask for similar action in this area until all volunteers have been repatriated.

5. Unless the propaganda of the WARSAW LOs is less ~~clearing~~ than the radio talks are said to be, little increase in the numbers of volunteers can be expected to follow their arrival.



*[Signature]*  
Lt-Gen.  
Commanding 30 Corps.



Tel: 2050

Ref: PWDP/58043

To: ~~Co-ord Section~~

~~Policy Section~~

Exec. Section ✓

From: Chief, PW & DP Division

D.M.G., at his conference on 24 Aug 45 ruled that the plan for evacuating Polish DPs should be amended as follows:-

Regarding priorities - 1 Corps, three fifths,  
(Ruhr to have priority).

30 Corps and 8 Corps, one fifth  
each.

D.M.G. would like the camps north of Minden, round Lahde to be included early in the priority of the Corps concerned.

*A. Mendenhall*

Chief,  
PW & DP Division,  
Control Commission for  
Germany (BE)

24 Aug 45  
AGK/JMC

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attached  
S02

info  
MS noted 24/8  
He will info

*[Handwritten signature]*



MINUTES of MEETING on POLISH REPATRIATION  
Held at BAD OEYNHAUSEN on 22nd August 1945

Present:

Brig. A. G. KENCHINGTON, (Chairman)	PW and DP Division CCG(BE)
Col. H. FULTON,	" " " "
Col. A. ROSS,	L. A. C. 21 A Gp
Col. O. C. SMITH-BINGHAM,	C. L. O. 21 A Gp
Mr. C. E. KING,	Political Division CCG(BE)
Lt. Col. H. GRIFFITH-JONES, A.D.M.G. (DP)	HQ 1 Corps District
Lt. Col. H. F. GORMAN,	" " HQ 8 Corps District
Lt. Col. D. J. DONALD,	" " HQ 30 Corps District
Lt. Col. H. R. LESLIE,	A(PWX) 21 A Gp
Lt. Col. T. WILKINSON,	A(Wehr) 21 A Gp
Lt. Col. K. THOMAS,	Mil Gov 2, 21 A Gp
Major C. W. FULLBROOK,	G(Ops)A, 21 A Gp
Jun. Comd. D. M. MULLENS,	A(PWX), 21 A Gp
Lt. Col. J. A. ROBERTSON-WALKER (Secretary)	PW & DP Div. CCG(BE)

1. The Chairman stated that H.M.G. had now agreed that we should open negotiations for the repatriation of those Poles who were willing to be repatriated under conditions as they are now known. Preliminary discussions had already taken place in BERLIN and as regards movement facilities the Russian authorities had suggested that the Poles might be dispatched by sea. On it being pointed out that this would considerably slow down movement they accepted in principle the repatriation of Poles through the Soviet Zone of Germany. However, Q(Movements) 21 Army Group are discussing with the Naval authorities the possibility of using shipping. Chairman also stated that he was attending a meeting to discuss the machinery for repatriation of Poles, in BERLIN on the 27 Aug.

Since it is considered that movement by rail may have certain disadvantages examination was being made of movement by M.T. on the basis that 7 G.T. Coys. would be available by the third week in September. On the basis of a five day turn round this would enable us to move approximately 5,000 per day. This plan envisages setting up transit facilities for up to 20,000 in the SCHÖNINGEN area with Polish acceptance taking place on the line of the River ODER. Figures for numbers of Poles willing to be repatriated will, therefore, be required at the earliest possible date.

2. It was agreed that Chief, PW and DP Division, CCG(BE), should ask the WARSAW Provisional Govt representative in due course whether they would accept the repatriation of ex-Wehrmacht Poles and men of the Polish Armoured Division. It was considered that the ex-Wehrmacht Poles would mainly wish to return to Poland but few of those in the Polish Armoured Division would wish to be repatriated. Chief, PW and DP Division, therefore, undertook in addition to raise the question of an amnesty for such Poles.

3. Col. ROSS tabled a draft notice to all Polish PWX/DPs concerning repatriation and this was discussed in detail. Revised draft is attached at Appendix 'A' to these minutes. It was agreed that Col. ROSS would take action to see that 2,000 copies of this notice were printed as quickly as possible in Polish. It was agreed that these were to be distributed as follows:-

500 to each HQ Corps District  
 500 to be kept as a reserve.

/In addition.....



In addition Col. ROSS undertook to have a map printed shewing the new boundary line between the USSR and Poland as decided at the recent agreement between the two countries and in accordance with the latest information available. This map to be distributed in the same way as the notice.

4. The Chairman stated that the order for priority of repatriation of Poles from the British Zone was (a) RUHR (b) 1 Corps District <sup>3/5</sup> (c) 30 Corps District, (d) 8 Corps District, but it was agreed that to ensure that maximum movement was maintained it might be necessary to modify these priorities to some small extent.

5. The meeting then considered questions raised at para 2a of the Agenda and the following answers were agreed:

<u>Questions asked</u>	<u>Answers</u>
(i) Have the Curzon Line and the 1939 Russo-German Line of Demarcation any real significance now that it is understood that the Soviet Union and the Provisional Govt in WARSAW have concluded a treaty setting-up a new boundary ?	NO
(ii) Are the details of this boundary known in fact and/or officially ?	Not known officially, but known approximately from unofficial Reports.
(iii) SHAEF policy stated that persons whose homes were in territory not included within the political boundaries of the Soviet Union as at 1 Sep 39 will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union unless they affirmatively claim Soviet citizenship. Is any part of pre-war Poland now considered to be part of the Soviet Union for this purpose ?	NO
(iv) Would it be sufficient to ask the Poles if they are willing to be repatriated bearing in mind that their former places of residence may be in a Soviet controlled area and at the same time tell them the new boundary line ?	YES

6. It was agreed that no Polish Liaison Officers were required from the Provisional Govt in WARSAW for the present as it was considered that their presence would cause considerable complication and would result in delaying the implementation of the repatriation scheme. However, it was agreed that if Chief, PW and DP Division CCG(BE) was pressed by the representatives of the Provisional Govt in WARSAW to accept representatives, he should state that we were prepared to accept from 1 - 3 Senior Officers to be conducted as a party round the Zone so that they could observe how the repatriation programme was being carried out. If pressed, further we should agree to accepting conducting officers to be attached to the Gen. Tpt. Coys. who were to carry the Poles, up to a maximum of 1 Senior Officer and 10 assistants. In addition we could see a need for discussing at a later stage the provision of a small Mission.

7. It was agreed that the revised notice at Appendix 'A' covered the methods by which it should be made clear to the Polish PWX/DPs the conditions under which they could be repatriated and that this notice also covered the necessary procedure for them to decide whether they were prepared to go now or not.



8. Col. ROSS then raised the question as to whether in view of the issue of this notice it would not be better to cancel his draft declaration and prepare instead a series of press notices. It was agreed that this course would be best and Col. ROSS undertook to prepare the necessary drafts for submission to PW and DP Division. It was also agreed that Polish Liaison Officers now in the British Zone should be informed of the present situation regarding Polish repatriation.

9. It was agreed that Polish FWX/DPs who were not prepared to volunteer for repatriation now should be organised into centralised camps with suitable winter accommodation and that HQ Corps Districts would take the necessary action on this matter.

10. The draft directive to HQ Corps Districts on the repatriation of Soviet citizens was then discussed. A second draft of this directive incorporating the amendments recommended by the meeting is attached at Appendix 'B'. Mil Gov 2 (Legal) 21 A Gp undertook to examine this amended draft further and inform PW and DP Division of any alterations they considered necessary as quickly as possible.

Subject to final clearance of the draft with Political Division CCG(BE), G(Ops) 21 A Gp, and A Branch, 21 A Gp, PW and DP Division CCG(BE) will then submit the directive through D.C.O.S.(Exec) to C.O.S. 21 A Gp for issue to HQ Corps Districts.

11. Appropriate action will be taken on these minutes by A.D.M.Gs. Corps Districts and the Branches of 21 Army Group/Control Commission concerned.

Ref: FWDP/58043

23 August 45.

PW & DP Division, Main HQ,  
Control Commission for Germany (B.E.)  
BAD OEYNHAUSEN, B. L. A.

JARW/HMD

*A. G. Kenchington*  
A. G. KENCHINGTON, Brig.,  
Chief, PW and DP Division,  
Control Commission for Germany (B.E.)

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Mil Gov HQ 2 Corps District  
Mil Gov HQ 30 Corps District  
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L.A.C., 21 Army Group  
A(PWX), 21 Army Group  
A(Wehr) 21 Army Group  
Political Division, CCG(BE)  
Legal Division, CCG(BE).

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NOTICE TO ALL POLISH PWX and DPs in the BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

1. Repatriation to Poland may begin in the near future. It is hoped that all Poles who volunteer to return will be repatriated as soon as possible. It cannot, however, be stated when this repatriation will actually begin for difficulties of transport and other circumstances may cause delay. In any case it will not be possible to repatriate all volunteers at once.

2. An agreement has been made between the Soviet Government and the Polish Provisional Government. As far as is known this agreement has established the boundary between the two countries approximately as follows:-

From the Lithuanian frontier it follows the old frontier line to the River NIEMEN, North of GRODNO, leaving SUWALKI and AUGUSTOW in Polish territory. It leaves GRODNO in Soviet territory and runs almost due South through the PUSZCZA BIELOWIESKA, leaving BIALYSTOK in Polish territory. It joins the River BUG at BRZESC-nad-BUGIEM and follows the river to USTILOG. BRZESC and WLODIMERZ remain in Soviet territory. BIALA PODLASKA, WLODAWA, CHELM, and HRUBIESZOW are in Polish territory. From HRUBIESZOW it follows the River BUG via SOKAL to KEYSTYNOPOL, both in Soviet territory, and then turns West to TOMASZOW in Polish territory. RAWA RUSSKA remains in Soviet territory. From South of TOMASZOW it runs in a southerly direction crossing the railway East of PRZEMYSL which remains in Polish territory and continues to the Czechoslovak frontier west of TURKS, leaving SAMBOR, DROHOBYCZ and BORYSLAW in Soviet territory.

3. Before you are moved you will be asked to answer the following question in the presence of a British Officer:-

"Are you willing to return to Poland now under conditions as you know them ?"

4. If your answer to the question above is "NO", you will be given another opportunity of making your choice. This will of course mean that your return to Poland may be delayed.

BY ORDER OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT.



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APPENDIX 'B' to PWDP/58043 dated 13 Aug 45

To:- HQ 1 Corps  
HQ 8 Corps  
HQ 30 Corps

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT:- REPATRIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENS

1. Now that the main repatriation programme of Soviet citizens is complete your task will be to ensure that remaining FWX/DPs whom the Soviet Authorities claim should be repatriated are dealt with in accordance with H.M.G. policy.
2. You will, therefore, set up forthwith boards to consist of three British Officers with an interpreter and clerk to deal with cases where the Soviet Authorities claim a FWX/DP to be a Soviet citizen and the FWX/DP claims to be a citizen of another country or stateless.
3. These boards will be found from within your existing manpower resources. Their duty will be to take evidence of fact and where these facts appear sufficiently clear under the rules issued, to declare the nationality of the FWX/DP concerned in accordance with H.M.G. rulings as set out in para. 6 below.

Only in cases where the board does not feel that, owing to the difficulty of the case, it can reach a decision, will the case together with a full report of the board's hearing be forwarded to this HQ for further examination by Legal Division.
4. In all cases where it is decided that a particular FWX/DP is satisfactorily identifiable as a Soviet citizen, he will be repatriated even though he is unwilling to go.
5. It is fully appreciated that compulsory movement of Soviet citizens who do not wish to be repatriated may be repugnant to the British Army officers and other ranks who have to enforce this order. It is, however, a duty to carry out a national pledged agreement.

In order to ensure that no breaches of discipline occur all ranks under your command will be informed that by the Agreement made at YALTA the repatriation of all Soviet citizens irrespective of their wishes would be carried out and that the USSR would expect this to be carried out, since the USSR are complying with their side of the Agreement by repatriating west-bound Allied PWs and DPs.

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6. The following are the main rulings for determining the nationality of liberated and displaced persons coming before the board:-

- (a) H.M.G. have not recognised any transfers of territory to the USSR since 2 Sep 1939 and therefore do not regard as Soviet citizens persons who were at that time citizens of countries since occupied by the Soviet Union. (See map attached).
- (b) If such persons as in (a) above wish to be repatriated this will be done, but H.M.G. continues to regard them as non-Soviet citizens.
- (c) Those persons whose homes were in Soviet territory as it existed on 2 Sep 1939, (including of course those UKRAINIANS who come within this category) must be regarded as Soviet citizens if they are claimed as such by the Soviet authorities.
- (d) Cases involving the nationality of a Russian woman who is married to a non-Soviet citizen and claims other nationality will be referred with any available documents to PW and DP Division, CONTROL COMMISSION for GERMANY (British Element).
- (e) Persons not displaced by reason of the war, stateless persons, or persons who have never had or have been deprived of Soviet citizenship will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union against their wishes.
- (f) Any person uncovered prior to 11 Feb 45 will not be repatriated to the Soviet Union against their wish.

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21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b) ✓

Notes on Meeting held in D Mil Gov's Office on 21 Aug  
regarding methods of repatriating Poles.

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Present

Maj. Gen. TEMPLER	D Mil Gov (in the chair)
Maj. Gen. FEILDEN	DQMG.
Brig COLLINS	Brig Q(M).
Brig KENCHINGTON	Chief PW & DP Division.
Col JEBB	Col G(Ops) A.
Col. FULTON	Dep. Chief PW & DP Division.
Lt. Col. MOLINNTOCK	AQMG(Maint) 1.

1. D Mil Gov explained that it was possible the Russians would agree to repatriation of Poles through the Russian Zone. It was essential to examine the possibility of movement by sea. It had been suggested by the Russians that movement should be carried out in British motor transport. The movement might involve some 420,000 Poles.
2. Brig. KENCHINGTON stated that the US Zone was opposed to movement by MT and were considering movement on foot.

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MOVEMENT BY SEA.

3. Brig COLLINS agreed to investigate with Naval Division possibilities of movement by sea ex HAMBURG or LUBECK.

Q(Mov)

MOVEMENT BY RAIL

4. It was agreed that movement by rail if left to the Russians would probably be irregular and might lead to concentrations of Poles in transit camps on the Russian side of the inter Zone boundary; Poles might therefore filter back to the British Zone. It was also possible that Poles might arrive in POLAND in bad condition after a Russian organised journey and thus produce a bad impression of British as well as Russian methods.

MOVEMENT BY ROAD

5. DQMG agreed to examine the provision of motor transport, and staging facilities on the route to POLAND. It was stated that some seven GT companies might be available by 21 Sep ex operation BARLEYCORN and that further companies would be available later.

Q(Maint)

...../It was agreed



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(Exec Sec)

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Chief  
PW & DP Division

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PW & DP Division

22 Aug 45.

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FROM CONCOMB

TO TROOPERS

INFO BERCOMB

ARGUS 34

FOR PUS FROM ROBERTSON .

REFERENCE CONFERENCE HELD BY SIR ORME SARGENT ON 14 AUG ON THE RETURN OF POLISH  
DPS TO POLAND . FIRST . I HAVE CONSULTED CLAY WHO HAS NO OBJECTION TO RAISE .  
SECOND . I HAVE ALSO CONSULTED GENERAL SOKOLOVSKY SOVIET DEPUTY MILITARY  
GOVERNOR . SOKOLOVSKY SUGGESTED THAT MOVEMENT SHOULD BE MADE BY SEA . I POINTED  
OUT THAT THIS WOULD MEAN PROTRACTED DELAY AND WOULD PREVENT US FROM REPATRIATING  
ANY CONSIDERABLE NUMBER BEFORE THE WINTER . THIS WAS ACCEPTED BUT I SUGGEST THAT  
IT WOULD BE GOOD GESTURE TO ARRANGE SOME REPATRIATION BY SEA IF POSSIBLE.  
SOKOLOVSKY THEN ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE REPATRIATION BY LAND THROUGH EXISTING  
RUSSIAN MACHINERY . HE INSISTED HOWEVER THAT BEFORE THIS MOVEMENT STARTS POLISH  
GOVERNMENT MUST GIVE SPECIFIC ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT IMMEDIATELY WHAT-  
EVER NUMBERS MAY BE DETERMINED AS RATE OF FLOW . HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE WISE  
TO INVITE THE POLISH GOVERNMENT TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER  
HERE BUT THAT REPRESENTATIVE MUST COME FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCE FROM THE POLISH  
GOVERNMENT AS TO WHAT NUMBER PER DAY THEY CAN AND WILL ACCEPT . HE SUGGESTED ALSO  
THAT THE HEADS OF OUR RESPECTIVE PW AND DP DIVISIONS SHOULD THEN WORK OUT DETAILS  
AS TO HOW EVACUATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE . THIS DOES NOT OF COURSE MEAN THAT THE  
MATTER WILL COME UP FOR DISCUSSION WITHIN THE MACHINERY OF THE CONTROL COUNCIL .  
THIRD . IF THIS IS SATISFACTORY TO YOU AND I THINK IT WILL BE I HOPE THAT YOU WILL  
ARRANGE FOR APPROACH TO BE MADE TO POLISH GOVERNMENT FIRSTLY THAT THEY ACCEPT  
PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE SECONDLY THAT THEY SEND REPRESENTATIVE FURNISHED WITH  
DEFINITE ASSURANCE REGARDING RATE OF ACCEPTANCE . FOURTH . THIS MATTER HAS BECOME  
INCREASINGLY URGENT BECAUSE EVACUATION OF RUSSIANS WILL BE COMPLETE WITHIN



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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Polish DPs and PWX

21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b)

2/ Aug 45

Combined Displaced Persons Executive

Reference 21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b) dated 7 Aug 45.

1. A recent check of Russian displaced persons living outside of DP centres has shewn the original estimate of 100,000 to be excessive and it is estimated that the evacuation of Russian displaced persons will now be completed by 23 Aug 45.
2. The following amendments will therefore be made to the appreciation attached to Appendix "A" of the above quoted letter.
3. Para. 8  
Delete 1 Sep 45  
Insert 23 Aug 45
4. Para. 10 sub para (a)  
Delete 1 Sep 45  
Insert 15 Aug 45
5. Para 14 sub para (a)  
Delete 10 Sept 45  
Insert 2 Sept 45
6. Para 14 sub para (b)  
Delete 10 Sept  
Insert 2 Sept  
  
Delete 27 Oct 45  
Insert 19 Oct 45

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*W. J. Miller*  
07.  
Major General  
DCA/Mil Gov



FROM : EXFOR

DATE-TOO  
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TO : FOR ACTION : TROOPERS

COS 146 SECRET . personal for DSD from Chief of Staff . if all goes well  
russian DP movement should be completed by mid sep . by mid oct weather  
and other conditions in eastern EUROPE may be such as to stop any more  
large scale repatriation . machinery within brit zone can be used for  
polish repatriation the moment russian movement is over but it is almost  
certain that reception and movement facilities in russian and polish zones  
will be completely inadequate nor have any plans been made to deal with  
polish repatriation so far as we know . essential therefore if full use is  
to be made of remaining month or six weeks good weather after 15 sep that  
steps be taken now to ginger up the poles and where necessary the russians  
so that the necessary flow of polish repatriation can in fact take place .  
from acon and food point of view apart from any other reasons we are  
extremely anxious to get rid of as many of these people as possible before  
the winter sets in

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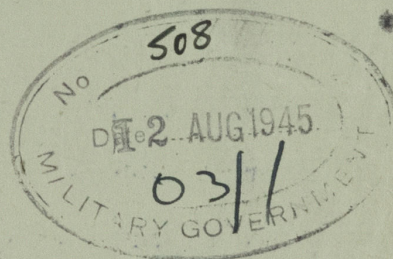
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Political Division CONCOMB (Personal for Mr C.E. Steel) By SDS





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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Polish DPs and PWX.

21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b).

7 Aug 45.

Combined Displaced Persons Executive.

The appreciation set out at Appendix "A" dealing with methods to be used for repatriation of Polish DPs and PWX has been prepared at this Headquarters.

Your comments are requested.

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*W. M. L. S. C. S.*  
Major General,  
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Appendix "A" to 21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b).  
date: 7 Aug 45.

Appreciation of methods to be used for  
repatriation of Polish PWX and DPs.

GENERAL.

1. The following appreciation assumes that the Polish Government in WARSAW will be prepared to receive Poles at the maximum rate at which they can be reasonably transferred. It deals only with movement aspects of the question.

STATISTICS.

2. (a) The following numbers of Poles are located in Corps  
Dists:-

1 Corps	130,000
8 Corps	120,000
30 Corps	290,000
	<u>540,000</u>

- (b) Of the numbers held it is assumed that approx 70% will be willing to be repatriated. (Estimates made vary from 10% to 60% the above is therefore an outside figure for planning purposes).

- (c) Movement facilities are therefore required for the following numbers:-

1 Corps	81,000
8 Corps	84,000
30 Corps	203,000
	<u>378,000</u>

POSSIBLE MOVEMENT FACILITIES.

3. By sea.

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| (a) LUBECK     | } to ports nominated<br>by Russians or Poles. |
| (b) TRAVEMUNDE |   |
| (c) NEUSTADT   |   |

4. By rail.

- (a) Using existing Brit/Russian Transfer Points.  
(b) Using existing US/Russian Transfer Points.  
(c) via CZECHSLOVAKIA.

/MOVEMENT BY SEA

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MOVEMENT BY SEA.

5. Shipping.

- (a) Polish or Russian ships would have to be provided as British have no surplus shipping facilities available.
- (b) To date the Russians have not provided shipping to repatriate their own nationals, it is therefore most unlikely that they would provide shipping for Poles.
- (c) So far as can be ascertained Poles are not in possession of any ships.

6. Ports Available.

(a) LUBECK.

- (i) Port facilities capable of embarking 1,500 every day.
- (ii) Transit facilities already exist for up to 4,000 daily.
- (iii) Has good rail comms with 1 and 30 Corps areas.

(b) TRAVEMUNDE.

- (i) Port facilities capable of embarking 1,500 every day.
- (ii) Transit facilities do NOT exist but port is located 15 miles from LUBECK and it is considered Transit Centre at LUBECK would be capable of feeding this port.

(c) NEUSTADT.

- (i) Port facilities capable of embarking 1,500 every other day, and then only with great difficulties.
- (ii) No transit facilities available or suitable.
- (iii) Has good rail comms with 8 Corps and 30 Corps.

(d) Russian or Polish Ports.

Details of locations, rates of acceptances and turn round times not available.

7. Conclusions.

Movement by sea should only be attempted from LUBECK and TRAVEMUNDE unless shipping available requires greater embarkation facilities than those of these two ports.

/ MOVEMENT BY RAIL.

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MOVEMENT BY RAIL.

8. It is estimated that the Russian evacuation will be complete by 1 Sep 45. Until this evacuation is complete no movement facilities will be available to move Polish DPs in an easterly direction.

9. Brit/Russian Transfer Points.

- (a) The following are the present existing Transfer Points showing the average daily transfers :-

LUECK	2,000
LAUENBURG	2,000
OBISFELDE	3,000
SCHONINGEN	3,000
TOTAL	<u>10,000</u>

- (b) It is considered that as no movement of Poles is possible before the Russian evacuation is complete, the same machinery set up for evacuating Russians, should be used for evacuating Poles. Russian agreement should be sought now.

10. US/Russian Transfer Points.

- (a) It is estimated Russian evacuation from US Zone will be complete by 1 Sep 45.
- (b) There are 360,000 Poles awaiting repatriation in US Zone.
- (c) In view of (a) and (b) above it is considered unlikely this method could be used before Nov 45 and only then if additional rolling stock were made available for movement of DPs.

11. Via CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

- (a) Suitable transit facilities and onward movement would have to be arranged in CZECHOSLOVAKIA and transit facilities in US Zone extended.
- (b) Maximum rate of movement available, unless Russian priorities changed, 1,500 every other day and then only at expense of Italian or Yugoslav movement.
- (c) Unless US Zone is quite clear of Poles it will be more economical to move Poles ex US Zone back to POLAND via CZECHOSLOVAKIA, leaving Poles ex British Zone to the last in the hope that acceptance nearer the British Zone will be available.

12. Conclusions.

Repatriation via existing Russian Transfer Points should be used if at all possible and other methods attempted only in the last resort.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

13. It is recommended that:-

- (a) No evacuation of Polish DPs be carried out before the Russian evacuation (including ~~Polts~~ 'Balts' willing to return) is complete.
- (b) After the Russian and Balts evacuation is complete, the Polish evacuation should start using the same RHs Transit Centres, Feeding halts and Transfer Points and other facilities used in the Russian evacuation.

POSSIBLE PROGRAMME.

14. Estimated time to evacuate Polish DPs using Brit/Russian Transfer Points.

It is assumed :-

- (a) Polish evacuation will commence within 10 days of completion of Russian evacuation i.e. 10 Sep 45.
- (b) The average rate of transfer will be 10,000 daily.

Total numbers to be evacuated	<u>378,000</u>
Average daily rate evacuation	<u>10,000</u>
Total number days required	38
Plus 25% allowance hold up etc.	<u>10</u>
	<u>48 days</u>
Est date evacuation commences	10 Sep 45
Est date evacuation complete	27 Oct 45



SUBJECT: Repatriation of Poles

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21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b)

7 Aug 45.

G (Ops)  
L.A.C.

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Reference 21 A Gp/35803/2/MG8(b)  
of 6 Aug 45.

Copy of the above letter agreed  
between EGS (Ops) and Chief PW & DP Division,  
Control Commission for Germany (British  
Element) is passed to you for information.

*W. H. Smith*  
CS

Brigadier.  
DD Mil Gov

Extn: 3014

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Poles

21 A Co/3307/2108(b)

6. Aug 45

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To : 1 Corps District MIL Gov  
8 Corps District MIL Gov  
30 Corps District MIL Gov

1. At present the policy is not to agree to the acceptance in the British Zone of Polish Liaison Officers nominated by the Provisional Government in WARSAW, nor to the opening of negotiations with the RUSSIANS for the repatriation of Polish DP's.

2. Please report confidentially by 24 Aug 45 the views of MIL Gov (R) Det or BRACOS Commanders of 3 representative camps in your area to the following questions:-

- (a) Should this policy be changed?
- (b) Would Polish Liaison Officers appointed by the WARSAW Govt be acceptable or would their appointment be likely to lead to unrest and bloodshed?
- (c) Can you give an approximate estimated proportion of the Polish PWs and DP's under your command who would be willing to return to POLAND under its present Government:-
  - (1) Now
  - (11) After contact with WARSAW Govt reps.

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3. The Camps selected should, if possible, be those where the Polish Liaison Officer concerned is the least politically biased and where the military commander's judgment can be most relied upon.

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Major General  
20A/MIL Gov

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TO: FOR ACTION: TROOPERS:

FOR INFM: CONCOMB POLITICAL DIV:

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GO 269A SECRET. revised estimates of rate of clearance of russian  
DPs from this zone suggest completion by mid-sep. from our point  
of view highly desirable that completion of the russian evacuation  
should be immediately followed by start of polish repatriation so  
that transportation and transit facilities can remain in being.  
therefore considered essential that detailed polish repatriation  
plan should now be made. this will require negotiations with  
russians and WARSAW government authorities and since time is short  
suggest  
/earliest meeting of committee of polish affairs in LONDON. request  
reps this HQ be invited.

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FROM USFET MAIN FROM ODPE CITE T/REOC

TO CG THIRD US ARMY, CG SEVENTH US ARMY, TSFET REAR,

FRENCH MIL GOV (GERMANY), BADEN BADEN (DFAA PLS PASS),

USFET MISSION FRANCE (DF/A PLS PASS), USFET MISSION BELGIUM (DFHA PLS PASS)

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FOR ALEXANDER, FRENCH MIL GOV (AUSTRIA) INNSBRUCK, (JOK PLS PASS)

US EMBASSY WARSAW, BR EMBASSY WARSAW, TROOPERS, AGWAR

FOR MARSHALL, USGOC, CONTROL COMMISSION (68) BRITISH FIFTH

CORPS AUSTRIA

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S19961 (.) RESTD (.) ONE (.) REPATRIATION OF POLES NOW BEING NEGOTIATED (.)

TWO (.) THE QUESTION SHOULD NOW BE PUT TO ALL POLES COVERED  
BY SECTION NINE A OF REPORT ON THE TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE OF BERLIN, SECOND AUGUST  
1945, E G DISPLACED PERSONS, MEMBERS OF THE POLISH ARMED FORCES AND THE MERCHANT  
MARINE, EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, WHETHER THEY DESIRE TO RETURN TO POLAND NOW (.) IT  
SHOULD BE EXPLAINED THAT A NEGATIVE ANSWER WILL NOT PREJUDICE THEIR FINAL DECISION (.)

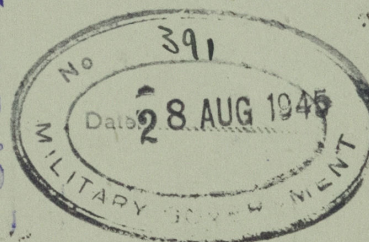
THREE (.) POLES WILL NOT BE RETURNED AGAINST THEIR WILL (.)

FOUR (.) ADVISE IMMEDIATELY NUMBERS PREPARED TO MOVE

D.O.P. NIL

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FROM BRITISH MILITARY MISSION BELGIUM 251230B  
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B 87/G CONFIDENTIAL . REF YOUR MESSAGE HG 1432 DATED 031145  
POLISH LEDGATION IN BRUSSELS NOW CONDUCTING CONVERSATIONS WITH  
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ON WHOLE QUESTION OF RETURN TO THEIR HOMES  
OF POLISH SOLDIERS DOMICILED IN BELGIUM BEFORE THE WAR  
WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF PROGRESS FOR THE PARTICULAR CASE UNDER  
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No 123  
26 AUG 1945  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT



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PERSONAL FOR ACIGS (0) FROM C OF S.

PLEASE SEE ARGUS 34 FOR PUS FROM C OF S BZ. IT IS SOME TIME SINCE THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER WAS FIRST RAISED WITH DSD AND CONFERENCES HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH FO ON SUBJECT. STRONGLY URGE THAT EVERY POSSIBLE STEP BE TAKEN TO ENERGISE THIS MATTER AS WE ARE NOW RAPIDLY LOSING WHAT LITTLE TIME IS LEFT BEFORE WINTER IN EASTERN EUROPE WILL STOP MOVEMENT. THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT OUR STRENGTH AND RUNDOWN ARE GREATLY DEPENDENT ON THE DP PROBLEM. IF WE HAD NO DPS OUR FORCES COULD BE MATERIALLY REDUCED. IT IS THEREFORE HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO GET MAXIMUM POLISH DP MOVEMENT COMPLETED SOONEST POSSIBLE IF WE ARE TO HELP YOU IN YOUR PROBLEM OF REDUCTION FORCES. WE WILL MAKE NO PRACTICAL PROGRESS UNTIL SOME HIGH LEVEL CLUEFUL POLE FROM WARSAW COMES TO BERLIN AND FIXES UP DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS. MEANWHILE WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH POLISH DPS TO FIND OUT NUMBERS PREPARED TO GO BACK TO POLAND NOW. PRECISE MACHINERY FOR POLISH REPATRIATION CANNOT BE WORKED OUT UNTIL AGREEMENT ON METHOD HAS BEEN ARRIVED AT BETWEEN RUSSIANS POLES AND OURSELVES UNLESS ACCEPTED PLAN IS TO HAND OVER AT EXISTING TRANSFER POINTS USED UP TO NOW FOR RUSSIAN EXCHANGES. IN THIS LATTER CASE EXISTING MACHINERY CAN BE USED

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M.I. to C in C, TAC HQ

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M &amp; MC

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16032/G

21A

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons

RESTRICTED

BCS(Ops)  
BCS(Dnt)  
DAG  
DOIG  
DCA/MIL Gov

21 AGP/38708/41/G(SDO 1c)

22 Aug 45

Ref 21 AGP/38708/41/G(SDO 1c) dated 17 Aug 45.

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Ext 2519  
G(SDO 1c)  
BT

Copy to: PA to C of S  
PA to MGA  
PA to BCS(SD)  
Col GS SD(O)

*Cardington*  
for BCS

*[Signature]*

No 676  
23 AUG 1945  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT



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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

Incoming RESTRICTED Message



IY 2996  
DTO 201815C  
TOR 202200B

FROM: BERCOMB  
TO: TROOPERS  
INFO: CONCOMB

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ARGUS 35.

BGCC. 240.

TO PUS FROM ROBERTSON. THIS IS AN ARGUS NUMBER FOLLOWS FROM MAIN HQ.  
FURTHER TO MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH SITWELL. GENERAL  
EISENHOWER HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS COMMANDERS TO SUPPRESS  
BANDITRY BY D P S USING WHATEVER DEGREE OF FORCE THEY CONSIDER TO BE  
NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

FURTHER TO ARGUS 28 PARAGRAPH 6.

F M MONTGOMERY NOTIFIED CONTROL COUNCIL AT MEETING TODAY OF ACTION  
BEING TAKEN BY HIM.

MARSHAL ZHUKOV SAID THAT METHODS EMPLOYED BY ZONE COMMANDERS FOR  
KEEPING ORDER WITHIN THEIR ZONE WERE MATTERS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL  
DISCRETION AND COUNCIL AGREED.

DTO 201815C

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SL. (6)



16032/G

20A

NOTICE TO ALL POLISH PWs and DPs IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

1. Repatriation to Poland may begin in the near future. It is hoped that all Poles who volunteer to return will be repatriated as soon as possible. It cannot, however, be stated when this repatriation will actually begin for difficulties of transport and other circumstances may cause delay. In any case it will not be possible to repatriate all volunteers at once.

2. An agreement has been made between the Soviet Government and the Polish Provisional Government. As far as is known this agreement has established the boundary between the two countries approximately as follows:-

From the Lithuanian frontier it follows the old frontier line to the River NIEMEN, North of GRODNO, leaving SUWALKI and AUGUSTOW in Polish territory. It leaves GRODNO in Soviet territory and runs almost due South through the PUSZCZA BIELOWIESKA, leaving BIALYSTOK in Polish territory. It joins the river BUG at BRZESC-nad-BUGIEM and follows the river to USTILOG. BRZESC and WLODZIMIERZ remain in Soviet territory. BIALA PODLASKA, WLODAWA, CHELM and HRUBIESZOW are in Polish territory. From HRUBIESZOW it follows the River BUG via SOKAL to KRYSTYNOPOL, both in Soviet territory, and then turns West to TOMASZOW in Polish territory. RAWA RUSSKA remains in Soviet territory. From South of TOMASZOW it runs in a southerly direction crossing the railway East of PRZEMYSL which remains in Polish territory and continues to the Czechoslovak frontier west of TURKS, leaving SAMBOR, DROHOBYCZ and BORYSLAW in Soviet territory.

3. Before you are moved you will be asked to answer the following question in the presence of the British Officer:-

"Are you willing to return to Poland now under conditions as you know them?"

4. If your answer to the question above is "NO" you will be given another opportunity of making your choice. This will of course mean that your return to Poland will be delayed.

Moved to  
(2)



19A

*file 8*  
SUBJECT: Return of POLISH DP's

SECRET

BGS(Ops)  
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DCA/Mil Gov

21 AGP/38708/41/G(SDC 1c)

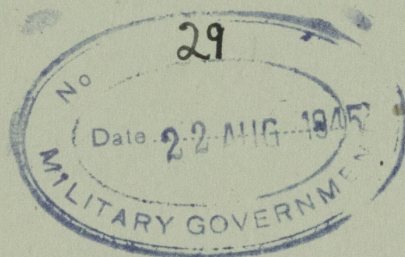
21 Aug 45

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G(SDC 1c)  
Ext 2519  
BT

*R. D. Napper*  
*for* BGS *M. G. S.*

Copy to: PA to C of S  
PA to MGA  
PA to BGS(SD)  
Col GS SD(O)



*See 18A*  
*Officers*  
*for*  
*initials*



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CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY (BRITISH ELEMENT)

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FROM CONCOMB

DTO 201950B

TO TROOPERS

INFO BERCOMB

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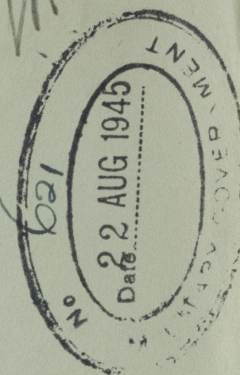
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TO TROOPERS  
INFO BERCOMB

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REF OUR CCG 1595 HEREWITH REVISED VERSION ARGUS 34. BEGINS ARGUS 34.

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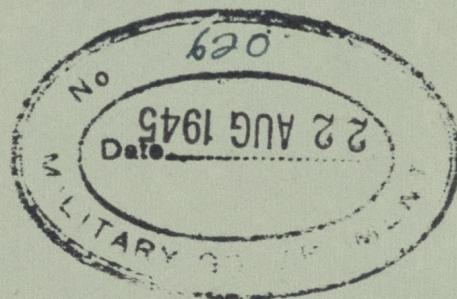
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For Action.

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TO (W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions.	GR
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This message may be sent  
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except

WIRELESS.

Signed.

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Signed.

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14A

SUBJECT:-- Repatriation

21 A Gp/16032/9/MG8(a).

21 Aug. 45.

Senior Polish LO for DP  
Hq 21 Army Group.

Lt. Col. KRUCZKIEWICZ-Major CORYTON spoke.

1. It is confirmed that, according to existing policy, a woman married to a POLISH national is to be considered as a POLISH citizen and dealt with as such for the purpose of repatriation.

*5.D. Com-1 Di*

Ext. 2248.

*W* Major General.  
DCA/Mil Gov.

Mil Gov. 8.  
Headquarters.  
21 Army Group.

OOC/MW



SECRET

21 A GP/10032/G/108(a)

17 Aug 45.

DD Mil Gov

Herewith

- (a) Draft TMI to Corps which it is recommended shall go out as soon as it is decided that preparations for POLISH repatriation can start.
- (b) Notes on Evacuation of Eastbound DP/PL.

*[Signature]*

Colonel  
DD Mil Gov 8

Extn: 2248

Headquarters,  
21 Army Group,  
D L A.

REL/DWH

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17/8 personally.

DMie Gov took both copies to

LUBBECK Camp 18/8.

one copy given to  
Police Sec.

*[Signature]*



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21 A Gp/16032/G/1C3(a)

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agreed with Policy Sec.

*Phl*



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File 10A

21 A Gp/16032/G/M8(a)

17 Aug 45.

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*AB. Long*  
*Lieut Colonel*

Colonel  
DD Mil Gov 8

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Headquarters,  
21 Army Group,  
B L A.

REL/DWH

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FROM: EXFOR

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21 A Gp/16032/G/MCS (a)

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1. Copy sent to Political div. of CC. 18 Aug. who stated must refer matter to higher authority.

2. D Mil Gov informed of above & telephoned to Sir Brian Robertson asking him to try & expedite clearance.

3. We await reply though D Mil Gov before despatch.

4. Strongly agree with the above

Distr :- DCM/Mil Gov  
G (Ops)  
LAC  
A (PWX)  
Q (Mov)  
UNHRA

19/8



6A  
SUBJECT: DPs - POLISH.

21 A Gp/16032/G/ME8(a).

31 Jul 45.

1 Corps Dist Mil Gov.

Ref. your 615/2/ME of 25 Jul 45.

1. This HQ has no knowledge of any plan to send POLISH women to the UK for the purposes suggested in your a/m letter.
2. As the information contained in the Newspapers mentioned by you is probably inaccurate would you please forward a cutting from one or more of them.

Tel Extn. 3004.  
Headquarters,  
21 Army Group,  
BLA.

OCC/MIL.

50. C-14 0-1  
Major General,  
D CA/Mil Gov.



16032/G SA  
C O P Y

CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY,  
(BRITISH ELEMENT)  
POLITICAL DIVISION  
MAIN H.Q.,  
B.L.A.

Pol.289

23rd July, 1945

Dear Teddy

You will remember asking Francis Brown about the obscure passage in the SHAEF instruction on the disposal of non-enemy Displaced Persons whose nationality is affected by territorial changes.

I enclose a copy of a letter he has sent me from Berlin which will, I hope, give you the information you want. Would you be good enough to return the map when you have had copies made for your own use, as it is my only copy?

Yours ever

Ivor Pink.

Major E.P. Clarke,  
CA/Mil Gov 10



C O P Y

Cabinet Office,  
British Delegation,  
Three Power Conference

SECRET

17th July, 1945.

Dear Ivor,

I have had a word with Dennis Allen about the obscure passage in the SHAEF Instruction about non-enemy displaced persons whose nationality is affected by territorial changes and, in particular, about the Latvians, Estonians, Lithuanians and Poles.

The attached map shows approximately both the Curzon Line and the 1939 Russo-German demarcation line. In point of fact the present Soviet-Polish frontier follows almost exactly the Curzon Line. Therefore, if any further instruction is really needed in the opinion of Military Government for the information of Corps Districts, it would be wise to leave out altogether any mention of the 1939 Soviet-German demarcation line.

I understand from Allen, however, that it would be most unwise at the present moment for any British authority to start registering Poles as the question of a mission from the new Polish Government in order to sort out Polish DPs is at present under discussion, and may well result in the new Polish Government sending people to do the registration. This, however, is still in the melting pot and presumably a comprehensive Instruction will be coming from the War Office or the Foreign Office to say exactly how this matter should be tackled in its broadest aspects.

To sum up, therefore, it strikes me that it would be unwise for Military Government to confuse the minds of Corps Districts with yet another Instruction about Poles if one is not strictly necessary, in view of the fact that the whole question is still under discussion.

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SUBJECT: DPs - POLISH.

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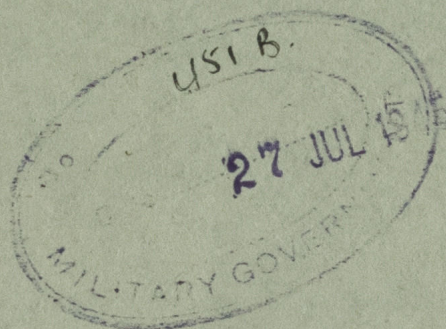
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1. It has been noticed in ENGLISH newspapers that a number of POLISH GIRLS have been transferred to UK to work in hospitals.
2. A large number of POLISH do not wish to return to POLAND for many years and would like to work in UK.
3. It is suggested that a large number of women would work in domestic service, and many men would volunteer for farm work, gardening etc.
4. As this suggestion will have far reaching results, and if acceptable, could be cleared before winter months, an early answer would be appreciated.

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SUBJECT:- Treatment of Poles, Lithuanians etc

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1. The amendment decided upon is contrary to existing SHAPE policy. It will mean, for instance, that a Pole formerly residing in WARSAW, the capital of the reconstituted POLAND recognised by the Government of USSR, will not be allowed to return there unless he claims Soviet citizenship. It will, by implication, recognise POLAND as part of USSR.

2. If the policy of the British Government is to return all those Poles (who wish to return) to that part of POLAND which lies WEST of the "CURSON" line, as is thought to be the case, then the following amendment is suggested, which will avoid confusion regarding demarkation lines and frontier lines

Amendment Technical Instruction No. 46. Para 30 (e) line 2

delete "the 1939 line of demarkation or"

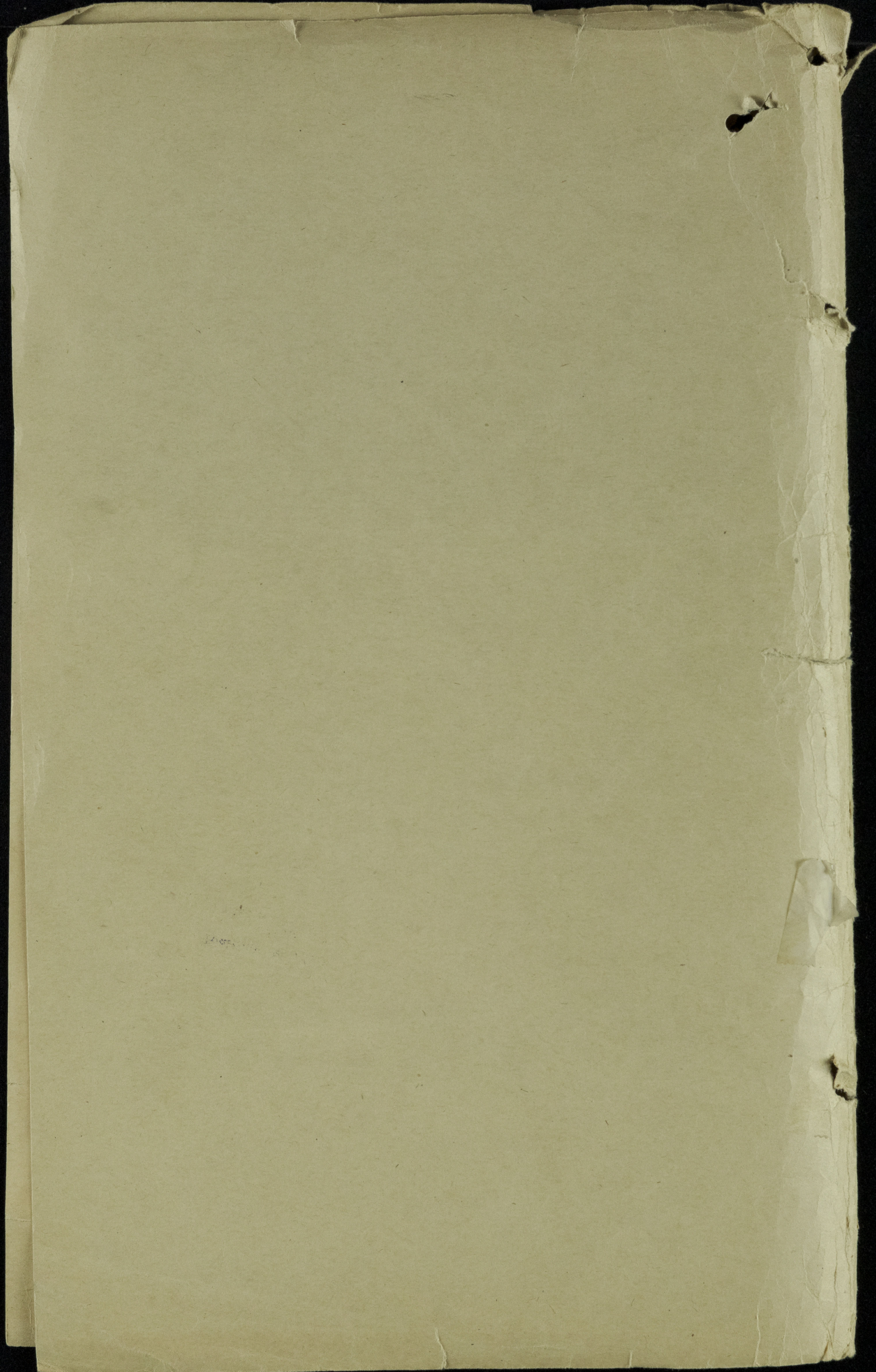
insert after "CURSON line" the words "or in the former countries of ESTONIA, LATVIA and LITHUANIA"

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